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OF

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OF MINNESOTA,

AT ITS

NINETEENTH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

IN THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL.

Commencing January 9, A. S. D. S. 1872, A. S. L. S. 5872.

M. S. W. GROVE B. COOLEY, G. S. M. S., Mantorville.
R. S. W. WILLIAM S. COMBS, G. S. S. S., Saint Paul.

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COMMENCED JANUARY 27, 1872, AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

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AND THE GRAND SECRETARY, R. W. WILLIAMS.

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MASONIC HALL, IN THE CITY OF ST. PAUL, COMMENCING JANUARY
9, A. D. 1872, A. L. L. 5872.

FIRST DAY.

At 12 o'clock M., Most Worshipful C. W. Nash, Grand Master,
opened a Master's ☐ in due form.

M.: W.: C. W. NASH, Grand Master.
R.: W.: E. D. B. PORTER, Grand Senior Warden.
R.: W.: J. W. MORFORD, Grand Junior Warden.
R.: W.: G. L. OTIS, Grand Treasurer.
R.: W.: W. S. COMBS, Grand Secretary.
R.: W.: S. J. PRENTISS, as Grand Senior Deacon.
R.: W.: HENRY BARNARD, as Grand Junior Deacon.
W.: A. RICHARDSON, Grand Tiler.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll of ☐, when
62 subordinate ☐ were found represented.

On motion of Bro. A. E. Ames, M.: W.: C. W. Nash,
G.: M.:, appointed Bros. S. J. Prentiss, Rob. H. Rose, and Edgar
Nash, as a committee on credentials.

On motion, Bros. C. Griswold, J. W. Sencerbox and F. A. Noble,
were appointed as a committee to arrange times of meeting with other
Masonic bodies for the use of the hall.

The ☐ was called off until $6\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION— $6\frac{1}{2}$ O'CLOCK.

The M.: W.: G.: L.: was called on, same officers as before.

The committee on credentials submitted the following report,
which was accepted and adopted.

Your committee on credentials would respectfully submit the fol-

lowing report, showing the ☐ represented at this session of the M. W. the G. L., and entitled to seats therein.

SAMUEL J. PRENTISS,	} Committee.
ROBERT H. ROSE,	
EDGAR NASH.	

- St. Johns, No. 1.—E. W. Durant, proxy for Worshipful Master.
A. B. H. Mitchell, Senior Warden.
J. N. Castle, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Cataract, No. 2.—Solon Armstrong, Worshipful Master.
F. L. Smith, Senior Warden.
T. G. Forster, Junior Warden.
- St. Paul, No. 3.—Chas. Leonard, proxy for Worshipful Master.
W. C. Ashton, Senior Warden.
H. A. Von Wedelstaedt, Junior Warden.
- Hennepin, No. 4.—Henry Barnard, Worshipful Master.
A. A. Ames, Senior Warden.
- Ancient Landmark, No. 5.—B. F. Wright, Worshipful Master.
Julien H. Gates, Senior Warden.
Harvey Burningham, Junior Warden.
- Dakota, No. 7.—C. O. Ball, Worshipful Master.
A. J. W. Thompson, Senior Warden.
Samuel Lanphear, Junior Warden.
- Red Wing, No. 8.—Dwight M. Baldwin, proxy for ☐.
- Faribault, No. 9.—John R. Parshall, Worshipful Master.
- Mantorville, No. 11.—J. R. Dart, Worshipful Master.
J. Grinnell, Senior Warden.
- Mankato, No. 12.—A. D. Seward, Senior Warden and proxy for Worshipful Master.
Clark Keysor, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Wapahasa, No. 14.—H. N. Smith, Worshipful Master, and proxy for Senior Warden.
Charles G. Ayres, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Monticello, No. 16.—T. C. Shapleigh, Worshipful Master.
- Hokah, No. 17.—L. T. Lyon, Worshipful Master.
W. F. Weber, proxy for Senior Warden.
L. T. Lyon, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Winona, No. 18.—W. G. Dye, proxy for ☐.
- Minneapolis, No. 19.—Paul Fitzgerald, proxy for Worshipful Master.
J. N. Fox, Senior Warden.
John H. Noble, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Caledonia, No. 20.—W. H. Harries, Worshipful Master.
- Rochester, No. 21.—William Brown, Worshipful Master.
S. B. Clark, Senior Warden.
Wm. Brown, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Pleasant Grove, No. 22.—O. H. Page, Worshipful Master.
- North Star, No. 23.—J. E. Wing, Worshipful Master.
John Coates, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Wilton, No. 24.—G. H. Woodbury, Worshipful Master.
- Western Star, No. 26.—H. D. Brown, Worshipful Master.
F. B. Fobes, Senior Warden.
D. K. Stacy, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Blue Earth, No. 27.—T. L. Rice, Worshipful Master.
Bailey Madison, Senior Warden.
E. H. Morrison, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Clearwater, No. 28.—H. B. Morrison, proxy for ☐.
- Anoka, No. 30.—William E. Cundy, Worshipful Master.
- King Hiram, No. 31.—C. B. Tyler, proxy for ☐.
- Sakatah, No. 32.—Geo. A. Blair, proxy for Worshipful Master.
L. Z. Rogers, proxy for Senior Warden.
Asa Wait, proxy for Junior Warden.

- Star in the East, No. 33.—A. C. Hickman, Worshipful Master.
Oriental, No. 34.—J. A. Wilson, Senior Warden.
J. E. Chapman, proxy for Junior Warden.
Mount Moriah, No. 35.—J. L. Powers, Worshipful Master.
E. A. Gove, Senior Warden.
J. P. Pond, proxy for Junior Warden.
Preston, No. 36.—Abram Kalder, Worshipful Master.
H. R. Wells, proxy for Junior Warden.
Mystic Tie, No. 37.—S. S. Worthing, Worshipful Master.
Washington, No. 38.—O. W. Waldo, proxy for ☐.
Fidelity, No. 39.—G. G. Clemmer, Worshipful Master.
Carnelian, No. 40.—Oliver Gibbs, Jr., Senior Warden.
Hermon, No. 41.—Thos. P. Kellett, Worshipful Master.
Bradley P. Cheney, Senior Warden.
Thos. P. Kellett, proxy for Junior Warden.
Hope, No. 42.—C. K. Gilbert, Worshipful Master.
Harmony, No. 43.—W. P. Thayer, proxy for ☐.
King Solomon, No. 44.—J. W. Sencerbox, proxy for Worshipful Master.
Chas. H. Lord, Senior Warden.
Taylor Heintzelman, Junior Warden.
Union, No. 45.—John Taylor, Worshipful Master.
A. W. Bangs, proxy for Junior Warden.
Evergreen, No. 46.—Isaac N. Fry, proxy for ☐.
Concord, No. 47.—W. H. Hall, Worshipful Master.
Social, No. 48.—F. A. Noble, Worshipful Master.
W. H. Grant, proxy for Junior Warden.
Rising Sun, No. 49.—J. W. Brockett, Junior Warden.
Watertown, No. 50.—Ernest Hainlin, Worshipful Master.
C. B. Ames, proxy for Senior Warden.
Chas. G. Halgen, Junior Warden.
Acacia, No. 51.—E. M. Cox, Worshipful Master.
H. A. Durand, Senior Warden.
F. S. Meillicke, Junior Warden.
Cannon River, No. 52.—R. M. Norton, proxy for ☐.
Nicollet, No. 54.—Thomas Montgomery, Worshipful Master.
Zion, No. 55.—L. W. Folsom, proxy for ☐.
Meridian, No. 56.—W. R. Edwards, Worshipful Master.
E. E. Corless, proxy for Senior Warden.
Blue Earth City, No. 57.—G. W. Buswell, Junior Warden.
Spring Valley, No. 58.—S. C. Lobdell, Worshipful Master.
A. M. Alden, proxy for Senior Warden and Junior Warden.
Temple, No. 59.—Kee Wakefield, Worshipful Master.
Star in the West, No. 60.—E. P. Barnum, Worshipful Master.
Ashler, No. 61.—Jas. Niles, Worshipful Master.
Star, No. 62.—F. B. Angel, Worshipful Master.
Illustrious, No. 63.—A. Smith, Worshipful Master.
Chain Lake, No. 64.—John F. Daniels, Worshipful Master.
Golden Rule, No. 65.—Oliver Bailey, Senior Warden.
Madelia, No. 66.—J. T. Furber, Worshipful Master.
Corinthian, No. 67.—E. L. Brackett, Worshipful Master.
Mystic Star, No. 69.—Charles Gore, Worshipful Master.
Forest City, No. 70.—S. B. Hutchings, Senior Warden.
Paynesville, No. 71.—John W. Moore, Worshipful Master.
Lansing, No. 72.—P. D. Vaughn, Worshipful Master.
Brownsville, No. 73.—J. H. Smith, proxy for Worshipful Master.
H. H. Selfridge, proxy for Senior Warden.
J. H. Smith, proxy for Junior Warden.
Minneiska, No. 74.—D. F. Brooks, Junior Warden.
Eureka, No. 75.—A. J. Porter, Worshipful Master.
Joppa, No. 76.—James G. Thompson, Worshipful Master.
Tuscan, No. 77.—E. M. Broughton, Worshipful Master.

Mystic Circle, No. 78.—S. J. Prentiss, proxy for Worshipful Master and Senior Warden.

L. R. Hall, Proxy for Junior Warden.

Palestine, No. 79.—E. M. Bloomer, Senior Warden and proxy for Worshipful Master.

J. H. LaVaque, Junior Warden.

Henderson, No. 80.—Daniel Pickett, Worshipful Master.

J. Q. A. Grant, Senior Warden.

Daniel Pickett, proxy for Junior Warden.

Constellation, No. 81.—F. B. Van Hoesen, Junior Warden.

Howard, No. 82.—C. W. Rickerson, Worshipful Master.

F. X. Lefond, Senior Warden.

C. W. Rickerson, proxy for Junior Warden.

Huram a Bi, No. 83.—A. L. Porter, Worshipful Master.

Orient, No. 84.—Hamlin Corey, proxy for ☐.

High Forest, No. 85.—Wm. K. Tattersall, proxy for ☐.

Tyrian, No. 86.—W. W. Black, proxy for ☐.

Doric, No. 87.—C. A. Lounsberry, proxy for ☐.

The representatives from a constitutional number of ☐ being present, the M.: W.: G.: L.: of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota, was opened in ample form, with prayer by Grand Chaplain M.: W.: Bro. Geo. W. Prescott.

Present—Grand Officers :

M.: W.: C. W. NASH, Grand Master.

R.: W.: CHAS. GRISWOLD, Deputy Grand Master.

R.: W.: E. D. B. PORTER, Senior Grand Warden.

R.: W.: J. W. MORFORD, Junior Grand Warden.

R.: W.: G. L. OTIS, Grand Treasurer.

R.: W.: W. S. COMBS, Grand Secretary.

W.: G. W. PRESCOTT, Grand Chaplain.

W.: R. H. ROSE, Grand Marshal.

W.: DAN'L D. BROWN, Grand Sword Bearer.

W.: EDGAR NASH, Grand Standard Bearer.

W.: S. J. PRENTISS, Grand Senior Deacon.

W.: HENRY BARNARD, as Grand Junior Deacon.

W.: F. A. NOBLE, as Grand Pursuivant.

W.: W. J. PARSONS, Senior Grand Steward.

W.: JAS. G. THOMPSON, Junior Grand Steward.

W.: A. RICHARDSON, Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.: W.: A. E. AMES, Past Grand Master.

M.: W.: A. T. C. PIERSON, Past Grand Master.

M.: W.: G. W. PRESCOTT, Past Grand Master.

R.: W.: A. GOODRICH, Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.: W.: D. B. LOOMIS, Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.: W.: L. E. THOMPSON, Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.: W.: R. A. JONES, Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.: W.: G. B. COOLEY, Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.: W.: R. STEWART, Past Grand Senior Warden.

R.: W.: S. R. MERRELL, Past Grand Senior Warden.

R.: W.: A. C. SMITH, Past Grand Junior Warden.

R.: W.: A. B. CURRY, Past Grand Junior Warden.

R.: W.: FRED JOSS, Past Grand Junior Warden.

R.: W.: A. J. PHELPS, Past Grand Junior Warden.

On motion of Bro. A. C. Smith, all Master Masons in good and regular standing, were invited to seats in the Grand ☐ during its session.

M.: W.: C. W. Nash delivered the following address :

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand [] of Minnesota :

Winter with its cold and chilling blasts—Spring with its balmy air, and opening buds—Summer with its birds and flowers—Autumn with its fruits and gorgeous apparel—all of these have passed the mystic circle of Time—since we assembled around this Grand Altar.

The winter again brings us together—an appropriate season for the exercise of the principles of our noble and charitable Order. It affords me profound pleasure again, to welcome you to this Grand East, at this our Nineteenth Annual Grand Communication; and as we are now assembled, let our hearts be filled with love and gratitude to the *Great Giver* of every good and perfect gift, for the countless blessings bestowed upon us during the year that has passed.

It is a duty devolving on the Grand Master, to communicate to the Grand [], a statement of his official acts, during the year; and to give information on such Masonic matters as seem to him important and necessary; and to recommend for its consideration such measures as may be deemed expedient, and for the welfare and good government of the whole.

For information on Masonic subjects transpiring beyond our jurisdiction, your attention is respectfully directed to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

So far as I am informed, our fraternal relations with other Grand [] are of the most gratifying character; and there has been no dissension among the workmen within our jurisdiction, that requires special notice from me, or the consideration of this Grand Body.

DEATH OF BRETHREN.

Our joy as we assemble around our Common Altar, is also mingled with sorrow. If we take a retrospective view along the pathway of the past Masonic year, we see scattered, the broken monuments of many distinguished brethren, who have fallen, and passed to "that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns."

We, too, are traveling upon that same grand level of time, and ere another year rolls around, our humble grave may be marked by the sprig of accacia, planted by the hand of fraternal affection—for

"Our hearts though stout and brave,
Still like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave."

When the roll of Past Grand Officers was called, I was reminded, as doubtless many of you were, that one of our number "is not,"—R.: W.: Bro. Emanuel Case, P.: G.: Treasurer of this Grand []. He died at his home in the city of Minneapolis, on the 4th day of August, 1871, in the 75th year of his age. He was made a Master Mason in 1818, received his Royal Arch degree in 1825. He was present and assisted in the formation of this Grand [], and for eleven terms was elected its Grand Treasurer, from its formation in 1853 to 1863 inclusive. In the fall of 1851, he with P.: G.: M.: A. E. Ames and others, assisted in the formation of Cataract [], No. 2, at St. Anthony, afterwards was a member of Hennepin [], No. 4; and at the time of his death was a member of Minneapolis [], No. 19. He was also an active member of other co-ordinate branches of the Order.

For over half a century Bro. Case was an active and faithful sentinel upon the watch towers of Masonry; and in proportion to the means and talents at his command, did his share of Masonic labor, during the long line of years that he was connected with the Order. He belonged to that true and faithful band of heroes, who possessed the zeal, devotion and consecration, which nerved the members of the Brotherhood when the maddening fury of anti-Masonry swept over the country, when Masonry and its members were proscribed, persecuted and outlawed by all the churches, and by one of the most powerful political parties that ever had an existence in the nation. The []

and Chapter of which he was a member were silenced, but during all of these dark days of trial, our lamented Brother remained firm to the trusts reposed in him, and faithful to his vows.

On receiving intelligence of his death, I convened the officers of the Grand [] and his remains were consigned to their last resting place, with appropriate Masonic rites, on Sunday, Aug. 6th, 1871. The funeral services were largely attended by the members from the [] of St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Anthony, and other places, and a large concourse of citizens. Zion Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, of Minneapolis, very kindly and knightly tendered their services and acted as an escort.

In the performance of these last obsequies, I was assisted by P.: G.: Masters A. E. Ames and A. T. C. Pierson. Let him rest in peace.

But we have yet the loss of others to mourn. It is with sadness that I announce to you the death of Benjamin Brown French, P.: G.: M.: of the District of Columbia, Giles M. Hillyer, P.: G.: M.: of Mississippi, Thos. Brown, P.: G.: M.: of Florida, and T. J. H. Anderson, M.: W.: G.: M.: of Texas. Benj. Brown French died at his home in the city of Washington, August 15th, 1870, in the seventieth year of his age. Giles M. Hillyer died at his residence, at Natchez, Mississippi, on the 22d day of April, 1870.

Of the precise date of the death of Thomas Brown, I am not informed.

M.: W.: G.: M.: T. J. H. Anderson departed this life on the 29th day of August last. I observed that this is the first instance in the history of the Grand [] of Texas, that a Grand Master has died during his term of office. The first three brethren were representatives of this Grand [], near their respective Grand [].

It is unnecessary for me to write a eulogy upon the life and character of these eminent brethren. The reputation of each was world wide—as a Mason, a gentleman and a Christian, exemplifying by their meekness, their constancy, their virtues, their dignity and their love of country, all the virtues of the three. Their works and deeds praise them.

Brethren, the same Messenger that summoned them will soon call us, and

"Shall we all meet upon the level there and never thence depart?
There's a mansion, 'tis all ready for each zealous, faithful heart.
There's a mansion and a welcome, and a multitude is there.
Who have met upon the level, and been tried upon the square."

It will not be necessary for me to recommend that this Grand Body pay a proper tribute of respect to the memory of our worthy and deceased brethren.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR NEW [], U.: D.:

During the year I have granted dispensations for new [], as follows:

To Asa. P. Blunt, as W.: M.: and the requisite number of Brethren, to form a [] at Fort Buford, D. T., to be named "Yellow Stone" [].

To John Parker, as W.: M.: and the requisite number of Brethren, to form and open a [] at Princeton, to be called "Fraternal" [].

To J. C. Bradin, as W.: M.: and the requisite number of Brethren, to form and open a [] at Litchfield, to be named "Golden Fleece" [].

To E. P. Freeman, as W.: M.: and the requisite number of Brethren, to form and open a [] at Jackson, to be named "Good Faith" [].

To Fred. V. Hotchkiss, as W.: M.: and the requisite number of Brethren, to form and open a [] at Redwood, to be named "Antiquity" [].

To S. N. Wright, as W.: M.: and the requisite number of Brethren, to open and form a [] at Sauk Rapids, to be named "Unity" [].

To John Moore, as W.: M.: and the requisite number of Brethren, to form and open a [] at Banner, Brown county, to be named "Keystone" [].

To James W. Lidick, as W.: M.: and the requisite number of Brethren, to form and open a [] at St. James, to be named "Libanus" [].

To L. E. Preston, as W.: M.: and the requisite number of Brethren, to form and open a [] at Elk River, Sherburne county, to be named "Sherburne" [].

Making in all nine Dispensations issued for new []. I have received a number of other petitions praying for Dispensations, but have refused to grant the same for good and satisfactory reasons.

It affords me great pleasure and satisfaction to have an opportunity to plant

a [] at Elk River, in the county of Sherburne, and to have the honor of giving it the name of "Sherburne," in memory of our lamented friend and Brother P. G. M. Moses Sherburne, the second Grand Master of the Grand [] of Minnesota. This is the only [] in the county of Sherburne, and is composed of "good and true" men, and promises to be a [] of permanency, healthfulness and zeal, and I trust will fully come up to the high standard anticipated by those who have been instrumental in establishing it.

The applications for these dispensations are in accordance with the requirements of the Grand [] Constitution and Resolutions respecting the same; and in the exercise of further caution, I have been careful that no [] has been set to work without being satisfied on the following points:

1st. That the petitioners for the new [] were good men and true—of good moral character, and sufficient intelligence and skill to be entrusted with the management of a [].

2d. That the applicants had a secure and suitable [] room.

3d. That the community in which the new [] was proposed to be organized, was of such general good character that accessions to the [] would be composed of good men, who would prove to be active and useful brethren, and ornaments to the Order; and also by the establishment of such new [] that thereby the jurisdiction of another [] would not be materially interfered with, or injured in its territory or sphere of usefulness.

The returns and work of these [] will, without doubt, be brought up to this Grand Communication, for your examination, which I trust will be found correct and entitle them to charters.

I will, at this time, avail myself of the opportunity, to renew a suggestion, which was made in my address to this Grand Body, at its session in 1867; that this Grand [] should establish some wise regulation in regard to creating new [] near to those already chartered, and prescribe some wholesome and reasonable regulations for the government of cases of this kind. I would recommend this subject to the careful consideration of the Grand [].

LODGES CHARTERED AT LAST SESSION, DULY CONSTITUTED AND OFFICERS INSTALLED.

All the [] to whom charters were granted at the last session, have been constituted, and the officers for the same installed, either by myself or by my proxy.

GRAND LECTURER AND VISITOR.

At the last session the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master is hereby authorized, upon the application of any [] to him, to appoint some competent brother as Grand Lecturer and Visitor, to give said [] or [] instruction—said [] to pay the expenses of said Lecturer and Visitor, and the Grand [] to pay his per diem, as fixed by the Grand Master."

In compliance with this resolution, I re-appointed W. Bro. C. N. Daniels, Grand Lecturer and Visitor, and fixed the compensation of this officer at four dollars (\$4.00) per day and his necessary expenses.

This officer has performed but little service during the past year; and has been in the main confined to giving the necessary instructions to officers and members of [] U. D., and his per diem and expenses for this service has been paid by these [] respectively for the time given to each. On account of the financial condition of the Treasury of this Grand [], I did not deem it advisable to pay the per diem of the G. L. & V. from the funds of the Grand []; and informed the officers of [] named in the petitions for [] U. D., if they could pay the per diem and expenses of the G. L. & V. for the required instruction, I would send this officer, who would remain with them as long as they desired. In every instance this has been cheerfully acceded to. In this connection, I suggest that the amount paid the G. L. & V. for his per diem, by the [] U. D., be refunded by this Grand [].

Many of the Chartered [] required instructions, but the necessary funds were not at my command, to comply with their wishes, and I deemed it wise

and just to place them on the same footing as [] U. D., and if chartered [] desired instruction, to pay *all* expenses attending the same.

My own views of the importance of having a Grand Lecturer and Visitor, to visit the [], and communicate the necessary instruction in the work and lectures, and the usages and customs of the Order, remain unchanged, and each year's experience in its practical workings, only serves to increase and deepen my conviction.

In my addresses to this body for the past four years, I have fully expressed my views on the subject of "Uniformity of Work," and the importance of providing for its dissemination; and it is gratifying to me to know that my opinions upon this matter have been cordially endorsed by this Grand []; and I deem it unnecessary to allude to this subject further at this time, feeling assured that prudence, intelligence and wisdom will guide you in the proper path, for the advancement of that which has been so prosperous in the past few years, and every lover of order, precision, symmetry, beauty, stability and permanency will encourage its dissemination.

For further details of the duties performed by the G.: L.: & V.:, I respectfully refer you to his annual report.

DECISIONS.

During the past year I have received numerous communications, relating to questions upon Masonic law and usage. On account of the great labor imposed, I have only answered those coming direct from the Master of a [], or from the Secretary, by order of the []. I need not assure you, my brethren, that to answer these questions imposes a great tax upon the *time* and *patience* of the Grand Master; and this is made the more annoying, when he knows that a very large majority of the questions asked, are answered in the Proceedings of our Grand [].

I again earnestly urge upon the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of [], to read and *examine* more thoroughly and considerably—and to *read* or cause to be read in their respective [], the Proceedings of our Grand [], as is required to be done by a positive edict of this Grand Body; also the Ancient Landmarks and regulations, and such standard works on Masonic Jurisprudence as are within the reach of all. If this were done, the Craft at large would be better informed—[] would be governed with more wisdom—"peace and harmony" would prevail to a greater extent—and the Grand Master would be relieved of a vast amount of correspondence.

The following decisions, made by me during the past year, I present for your consideration:

Question 1st.—In a [] of Master Masons, during the time the [] is at refreshment, a brother has obtained permission from the Junior Warden to retire, has the Master the power, or the right, to prevent him?

Answer.—Yes.

Question 2d.—An E. A. or F. C. desires to be advanced—a brother Master Mason, a member of another [], objects to said advancement. Would it be proper or lawful for the Master, under such a state of facts, to advance the E. A. or F. C.?

Answer.—Strictly it would be lawful, and he has the power; but it would not be showing a just respect to the member objecting and to the interests of the Order generally, to do so, till a proper investigation had been made.

3d. When the Master of a [] is re-elected, it is necessary that he should be re-installed. Any Past Master can perform the ceremony. The former Master presiding, has the right to install the newly elected Master, then the newly installed Master has the right to install the remainder of his officers. He may, however, if it is his will and pleasure, request any Past Master, or his predecessor in office, to perform said duty.

4th. It requires a convocation of at least three Past Masters to confer the degree on a Master elect.

5th. A subordinate [] has jurisdiction over all Masons residing within its jurisdiction, whether members of said [] or not, subject to Rule 15 of the Trial Code.

6th. *First.*—A decision made by a Worshipful Master on a question of

Masonic law, is not a subject to be discussed by the ☐ or its members, without his permission, or by his request.

Second.—There can be no appeal to the ☐, from the decision of the Master, or the Wardens occupying the chair in his absence.

Such appeals from the decision of the Master of a ☐, are unknown and unauthorized by the usages of Masonry.

Third. A Master of a ☐ clearly has the power, and it is his bounden duty to preserve order, peace and harmony in his ☐, and all confusion among the workmen should be suppressed. *He must preserve order in the ☐; and the gavel must be obeyed.* If a brother refuses to obey the gavel, the Master can reprimand him if he sees proper, and if the necessity of the case require, can have the brother led without the body of the ☐.

7th. A ☐ under dispensation, can not admit members—can not try members for unmasonic conduct—in short, can only enter, pass and raise Masons—in accordance *strictly* with the letter of dispensation.

8th. The officers acting under a dispensation are not *required to be installed*, neither can such a ☐ be *dedicated*, until a charter has been regularly obtained from the Grand ☐.

9th. In accordance with Masonic law and usage, during the time that charges are made and are pending against a member of a ☐, he is not prohibited or debarred from his rights as a member of said ☐—such as voting, or balloting, except upon his own case—as to his guilt or innocence of the charges made against him. He has all the rights of a member. *"He is innocent until proved guilty."*

10th. If a ☐ confers degrees—at the request of another ☐—the ☐ conferring the degrees does not acquire jurisdiction of the member: and the fee for the work done, belongs to the ☐ requesting, unless it relinquishes the same. In many ☐ the fee is equally divided.

11th. In case a brother willfully neglects, or fails to obey a summons, lawfully issued, it is an act that demands Masonic discipline, and charges should be preferred, and the offending brother tried.

12th. Can an E. A. or F. C. be tried for unmasonic conduct?

A ☐ of Master Masons has the undoubted right to try an E. A. or F. C., and their duty to do so is obligatory and imperative; and if found guilty, he should be suspended or expelled from the rights and benefits of Masonry. He cannot be suspended or expelled from the ☐ as a member, for neither an E. A. or F. C. is or can be a member of a ☐ of Master Masons.

It is true they are not members of a ☐, but they are members of the great Masonic family, and as such, should be subject to all the pains and penalties appertaining to their respective degrees, as they are entitled to all the benefits belonging to the same. Neither an E. A. or F. C. can vote. The charges made against brethren of said degrees, must be in a ☐ of Master Masons, and all the necessary directions for the charges and trial and final judgment must be given in a Master's ☐. The same course will be pursued as to the charges and trial of an E. A. or F. C. as is required and indicated by "*Title Sixth of Trials and Incidents*," Grand ☐ Constitution, so far as it is applicable. The committee to whom the charges are referred for investigation and to take testimony, shall be composed of Master Masons of said ☐. When said committee are ready to report the evidence in the case for the consideration of the members, the Master will open a ☐ of E. A. or F. C. (as the case may be), and hear the report of the committee, the argument of the accused or his counsel, and the Master will then open a ☐ of Master Masons to pronounce upon the guilt or innocence of the accused, and to record and declare the degree of punishment to be inflicted, the same as in the trial of a Master Mason.

13th. A new ☐ having received its charter, cannot *initiate, pass or raise*, or do any business of a Masonic character, lawfully, until the officers have been regularly installed.

14th. The following facts were submitted, and decision asked:

A number of brethren petitioned for a ☐ U. D., but before the petition was forwarded to the Grand Master for his action, the name of one of the petitioners was erased from the petition, without his consent, and a dispensation for a ☐ U. D. was issued by the Grand Master.

Subsequently, a charter was granted to said ☐, and when the ☐ was constituted, the brother whose name had been erased from the petition, and who had declined to attend the meetings of the ☐ while U. D., was invited to become a charter member, and was elected and installed J. W., and no objection was made by any member of said ☐ to his installation as J. W. After his installation, objection was made by the S. W. of said ☐, to said J. W., upon personal grounds, and for another reason, that he, the J. W., was not a member of said ☐, and could not become a member except upon petition and ballot. 1st. Is the said brother a member of said ☐, his name not being on the petition when the dispensation was granted? 2d. Is said brother entitled to act as J. W. of said ☐?

Answer.—The action of the ☐ was irregular, in admitting said brother as a charter member, at the time the ☐ was constituted; he could only become a member by petition and usual ballot. The ☐ was in fault: he was elected J. W., and as such installed, there being no objections at the time of his installation. By this act, the ☐, and each and every member waived his right to object to the membership of said brother. This case, like a majority of cases and questions of Masonic law submitted, shows, that members of the Order do not inform themselves respecting the customs, usages, and jurisprudence of Masonry. Had the members been informed, no such irregularity would have been permitted. If I had entertained the belief that the brethren committed this violation knowingly and willfully, I would have arrested the charter of said ☐; but I am satisfied that they acted innocently in the case.

15th. When a non-affiliated or dimitted Mason applies for membership in a ☐, and is rejected, the ☐ should return to him his dunit.

16th The W. Master has the power, and in the exercise of prudence and discretion, it is his duty, to cut off and terminate debate whenever he sees proper. According to the ancient Masonic usage, this is done by the W. Master rising from his chair. The calling for the previous question to terminate discussion, is unknown to Masonic deliberations.

17th. A party who has made a false statement, in his application for the degrees of Masonry, regarding his age, or any other facts, as for instance—stating that he was of age, when the fact was, that at the time of his application or initiation, he was a minor—would subject him to Masonic discipline, although he may not have been advanced to the degree of F. C. or M. M. If to either of said grades, the same rule will apply.

18th. In case the time named in the By-Laws of a Subordinate ☐ for the election of its officers, has passed, no subsequent election would be lawful, until the next annual meeting of said ☐, except by a dispensation from the Grand Master.

The Standing Committees, on "Masonic Jurisprudence," and on "Appeals and Grievances," submitted to me the following question, and requested my opinion:

"In this jurisdiction, has the M. W. Grand ☐ exclusive original jurisdiction in the matter of charges and trial of its members?"

By the provision of sections 54 and 55, title eighth, and sections 73, title first, General Regulations, Constitution of the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, we find that the Grand ☐ is composed of the following persons, named in sections 54, 55 and 73, which read as follows:

SECTION 54. The Elective Officers of a Grand ☐ are—the Grand Master, (whose style is Most Worshipful), Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, (the style of all of whom is Right Worshipful).

SEC. 55. The Appointed Officers of a Grand ☐ are, a Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Steward, Senior and Junior Grand Deacons, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler, (the style of all of whom is Worshipful.)

SEC. 73. This Grand ☐ shall be composed of the Grand Officers mentioned in sections 54 and 55 of this Constitution; and all Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and the Master and Wardens, or their proxies, of all ☐ subordinate to this Grand ☐. A proxy must have arrived to the rank of Warden. These sections

clearly define who are members of this Grand Body. The Constitution further provides, Title First,

Sec. 2. A Grand ☐ is a body of Masons in whom is inalienably vested the government and superintendence of the Fraternity within its territorial jurisdiction, and is primarily composed of its Grand Officers, and the Master and Wardens, or their proxies, of the Subordinate ☐ under its jurisdiction. It may also enlarge or diminish its numbers, at its pleasure, by a provision, or change of its Constitution.

And one of its Landmarks reads as follows: "That a Grand ☐ has supreme and exclusive jurisdiction within its territorial limits, over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry," and by the provisions of Title 3, "Nothing can be adopted in derogation of the Ancient Landmark."

Its powers are of three kinds, executive, legislative and judicial. The judicial powers are of two kinds:

1st. Original—embracing all matters of controversy which may arise between any of the Subordinate ☐ under its jurisdiction, or the members of different ☐, and the enforcement of discipline upon its own members, and the ☐ under its jurisdiction, and upon individual Masons; and

2d. Appellate—embracing all matters of controversy and discipline, proper for Masonic investigation, arising in any Subordinate ☐, and over which it has not original jurisdiction.

Sec. 13. All governmental powers, whether executive, legislative or judicial, not expressly delegated by the Grand ☐, are inherent in and reserved to it as the supreme governing power.

By Title Fourth, the powers and privileges of a Subordinate or particular ☐ are such as are defined in its warrant, and by the Constitution of the Grand ☐ granting the same.

Its judicial powers embracing the exercise of discipline over all its own members (except the Master), and over all Masons and non-affiliated brethren within its jurisdiction subject to an appeal to the Grand ☐.

It might be claimed by some, that by the provision of the 3d subdivision of Section 14, Title 4th, under the head of the judicial power of a Subordinate ☐, wherein it says: "Embracing the exercise of discipline, and settlement of controversies between and over all its members (except the Master,) and over all Masons and non-affiliated brethren within its jurisdiction, subject to an appeal to the Grand ☐," that the Grand ☐ had granted to and vested in a Subordinate ☐ the power and right to institute charges, and proceed to trial, not only of *all* its own members, but Masons and non-affiliated brethren within its jurisdiction, including those who are members of the Grand ☐, and entitled to seats as enumerated in Sections 54, 55 and 73. If such views are entertained, it will be borne in mind, that it is inconsistent and in conflict with Rule 14, Title 6th, "Trial and its Incidents," which reads as follows:

RULE 15. The Grand ☐ retains original jurisdiction in all cases of its own members, or of Masters of ☐ while in office.

It will be remembered that our Grand ☐ Constitution was adopted in 1857, and Rule 15 of the Trial Code was adopted at the session of 1865, which Rule expressly states: That the Grand ☐ retains original jurisdiction in *all* cases of its own members, whose members are distinctly named, in Sections 54, 55 and 73, before referred to. Rule 16 of the Trial Code provides that all provisions of the Grand ☐ Constitution, conflicting with the Rules and Regulations of Title 6th, are repealed.

Now the Grand ☐, having original and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry, and by Rule 15 retaining original jurisdiction in all cases of its own members, I am of the opinion that a Subordinate ☐ has not the power nor the right to interfere with that original exclusive jurisdiction, by instituting proceedings by way of charges against members of this Grand ☐.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND ☐ REPRESENTATIVES.

Since the last session I have appointed and commissioned as representatives of this Grand ☐ the following named brethren, near other Grand ☐, as follows:

R.: W.: Elwood E. Thorne, New York; M.: W.: Charles F. Stansbury, District of Columbia; M.: W.: Thomas W. Chandler, Georgia; M.: W.: George R. Feam, Mississppi.

COMMUNICATION OF GRAND MASTER OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

I am requested by M.: W.: Charles F. Stansbury, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, to present to this Grand [] the accompanying letters and resolutions received by him from the Grand Secretary of the Grand [] of England, respecting the cordial reception of Lord de Grey, as Grand Master of England, by the Grand [] of the District of Columbia, and herewith transmit the same and recommend that the communication be referred to a special committee.

CREATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

I would earnestly recommend that a Standing Committee be created, to be known as the "Committee on Appropriations," to consist of three members, to whom all resolutions for appropriations of money shall be referred, before they are acted upon by the Grand []. The importance of having such a committee must be clearly evident to every member.

GRAND ORATOR.

In many of our sister Grand [] jurisdictions there is an officer known as Grand Orator, who is appointed by the Grand Master each year. As a general rule, the address of the Grand Master contains nothing more than a detailed statement of his official acts, with such recommendations as he may deem salutary for the good of the craft in his jurisdiction and Masonry generally, without reference to a more general or special review of the History, Science, Philosophy, Jurisprudence and Beauty of the Order. It might be well to have this done by some eminent Brother at each session of the Grand [], or at such sessions as the Grand Master might deem advisable, and I recommend that such a provision be made, and that the office of Grand Orator be added to the list of appointed Grand [] officers.

CASE OF O. A. HADLEY.

I am in receipt of a petition to this Grand [] from one O. A. Hadley, dated Little Rock, Arkansas, September 28th, 1871, requesting this Grand [] to restore him to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The facts in the case, as I am informed, are briefly as follows: During the year 1865, O. A. Hadley was the W.: M.: of Rochester [], No. 21, in this State. M.: W.: George W. Prescott, then Grand Master of this Grand [], came in possession of evidence that the said O. A. Hadley, while he was Master of said [], had been guilty of very flagrant and gross misconduct. M.: W.: George W. Prescott at once issued an edict deposing the said O. A. Hadley from his position of Master, and suspending him from all the privileges of Masonry, and appointing a commission to take testimony in the case, to be presented to this Grand [].

At the session of this Grand Body in 1865, the case was referred to a special committee, upon that portion of the Grand Master's address, who reported the same back, with a recommendation that the said O. A. Hadley be *expelled* from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, which report and resolutions were adopted. See compiled Proceedings 1865, page 545.

I am informed that the said Hadley claims that he never had a copy of the charge or charges against him, or notice of the time and place of investigation of the commission appointed by Grand Master Prescott to take the evidence in the case, and did not appear before the committee of this Grand Body, either in persons or by counsel, when final action was taken. He further states that he was not guilty of the misconduct which he is informed he was charged with.

It is proper for me to state that there is no record or information on file, in the office of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, or in Rochester [] No. 21, of any charge or charges being preferred against O. A. Hadley, or notice of the time or place of the investigation, or a report of the commission appointed by M.: W.: Grand Master Prescott to take the testimony.

At the time the case was considered in this Grand Body, it will be remembered by the brethren who were present at that annual session, that many of the older and experienced members expressed great doubt as to the justice and regularity of the proceedings in the case, and some took positive grounds against it.

The action of M^r. W^r. Grand Master Prescott, in deposing him from office and suspending him, was clearly right, and received, as it should, the approbation of this Grand ☐. I do not express any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the party in question; but merely present the facts in the case, leaving the whole subject for the consideration of this Grand Body, believing that they will be governed by the principles of wisdom, justice and charity.

Accompanying the petition is a communication of M^r. W^r. E. H. English, P^r. G^r. M^r. and present G^r. H^r. P^r. of Arkansas. The petition and letter, I respectfully lay before this body, and recommend that the same be referred to a special committee.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

The matter of annual dues, and non-affiliation, (which is a concomitant of non-payment of dues,) has been a source of much trouble in the financial management of some of our ☐.

In some of our sister jurisdictions, the question of abandoning the system of annual dues has been seriously considered; and in lieu thereof a system has been proposed, by which members shall pay a certain amount as a "Life Membership Fee," which will entitle the member paying the same to a certificate, which shall constitute him (financially) a Life Member of his ☐.

As far as this system has been adopted by ☐ in sister jurisdictions, the fee has been the same for all members of any particular ☐, without reference to the age of the member.

This is plainly not equitable, as a brother joining a ☐ at the age of, say fifty years, is not *expected* to contribute as much to a ☐ in the way of annual dues, as a brother aged twenty-five years.

This difficulty seems to have been obviated by the brethren of Mankato ☐, No. 12, who have inaugurated a system, which combines all the benefits of the system referred to, and is, at the same time, entirely equitable.

The theory of this system is, "that each member should pay an amount, which, together with the interest thereon at seven per cent per annum, during his Life Expectation, (according to the Carlisle Tables of Mortality,) will equal the amount he would pay during such time at \$2.00 per annum, as dues.

Their amended by-laws, (which have been duly approved,) require that each candidate, prior to his receiving the Master Mason's degree, shall pay said membership fee, (according to the Table of Fees,) and *allow* old members to pay the fee, or continue to pay annual dues, as they may elect. A "return fee" is also given in their tables, to be paid in case a member wishes to *dimitt*.

The by-laws also provide that "the amount so paid into the ☐ for life membership, shall remain a permanent fund of the ☐, and shall be kept invested under the direction of the Trustees, and only the annual interest realized therefrom shall be used by the ☐ for any purpose, and said principal shall forever remain a permanent fund of said ☐.

The matter is submitted as worthy of the consideration of the Grand ☐.

Permit me to call your attention to a matter that I conceive to be of vital importance in the Order, of great advantage to a correct understanding of our own condition, and of Masonry generally: Let every annual session of this Body cause to be printed in advance, a sufficient number of copies of the Address of the Grand Master, and Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, so that on their delivery before the Grand ☐, each member may have a copy of the same, and thus be enabled to examine and more fully understand the recommendations made, and act more intelligently, advisedly and promptly.

As it is now, the Grand Master's Address is delivered and referred to a committee, who make such a report as they deem proper upon the different subjects therein presented, and there being but one copy, it is not possible for the members to acquaint themselves with its contents, by having heard it read but once.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is not often made till the last day of the session, and then not made entire, but certain portions of it read, and the usual motion made, "that further reading of the report be dispensed with, and that it be printed with the Proceedings," which is adopted.

By this course of proceeding, no opportunity is given to the members for their careful examination, that an important report of this character is entitled to, or that it demands.

When action is to be had upon the recommendation, or suggestions contained in said report, the brethren too often act without sufficient information to act advisedly for the welfare and interests of the Order. This could be obviated by a copy being placed in the hands of each member, by the Grand Secretary.

The cost would be but small, and would, in my opinion, be overbalanced by enabling the members to act intelligently, and save much discussion and time, which would be of great importance to the finances of the Grand ☐.

I would suggest that this matter be favorably considered, and a resolution adopted requiring the Grand Master to have his Annual Address, and the Committee's Reports on Foreign Correspondence, placed in the hands of the R. W. Grand Secretary, a sufficient length of time before each annual session, to enable him to have the same printed in time for the session of the Grand ☐.

In this connection, and intimately connected with the last recommendation, to expedite the business affairs of this Body, I would suggest that the Grand Master be authorized to convene, at such a time as he may deem advisable, before the session of the Grand ☐, the following Standing Committees:

"The Committee upon the Returns of ☐"—"The Committee on Appeals and Grievances," and "The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence."

It is a well known fact to the members of this Body, that the duties of these committees are greatly on the increase from year to year; and that the session is prolonged at a great expense, waiting for the committees to report. It must be clearly obvious to every member that much time and expense would be saved by the course recommended. The same per diem and mileage should be paid the members of these committees as is paid members. In the event that the Grand Master is informed that a member of any of these committees will be unable to attend, let him be empowered to fill the vacancy. I respectfully recommend this subject to your favorable consideration.

Knowing that there was a large amount of business for the action of the said Standing Committees at the present session, and to expedite the business of this Body and save expense, I assumed the responsibility of convening these committees several days prior to the time of our meeting, and I am informed that they have been occupied constantly, and are now ready to report to this Grand ☐ the result of their labors upon the questions before them. I trust my action in this matter will meet with your approbation.

During the past five years that I have had the honor to preside over this Grand Body, I have been deeply impressed with the fact that there is a great want of Masonic information among the brethren, on Masonic Law, Usages and Customs of the Order. This is clearly evinced by the numerous letters received by me; and in a majority of these cases, these letters need not have been written, nor answers given, had the brethren been better informed relative to the History, Usages, Landmarks, Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Masonry—and the only remedy for this, is to have a greater diffusion of knowledge among the Craft. Without extensive reading and reflection, it is impossible to understand the beautiful design of our Masonic edifice, or decide the numerous and important questions that of necessity are constantly arising in the ☐,—and in this connection I will quote the forcible and expressive language of that eminent writer, Bro. A. G. Mackey. He says:

"The day has passed when any man could expect, without study, to take a prominent position in our Institution. Masonic literature has become an established fact. Masonry, always a science, but a neglected one, has now begun to be diligently cultivated, and every brother is bound, so far as his means and opportunity will permit, to make himself acquainted with the history and philosophy of our Institution. A few hours in each week appropriated to the reading of Masonic Books—and who among us cannot spare that brief portion of his time—will make every Mason a better, a wiser, and a more zealous disciple of the Order."

And Brother Douglas, the eminent P. G. M. of the Grand [] of Florida, in his address to that Grand [], in 1852, made use of the following appropriate language:

"Masonry is a science, and like all other sciences, to be of any considerable value, its history, philosophy, and general principles must be studied and mastered, so as to be well understood. To go through the forms and ceremonies of receiving the several degrees in a [], and having his name enrolled on the list of members, no more make a man a Mason, than going through the forms of admission into a Christian Church, and having his name inscribed on the list of its members, make him a Christian. Masonry is not a mere set of idle ceremonies, but it is a thing of the heart and of the understanding also."

If this is true, study, thought, careful examination and reflection, become absolutely necessary.

I would most earnestly recommend to the [] in this jurisdiction, to select, at the earliest day, a well selected Masonic Library, comprising the standard works on Jurisprudence, and other works on the general history of the Order, and some of the ablest leading periodicals of the day, which are sources of valuable information to the Masonic student. While on this subject, I may be excused for alluding particularly to *Mackey's National Magazine*, edited by that distinguished writer and scholar, Bro. A. G. Mackey, and published at Washington, D. C.; and *The Freemason*, published at St. Louis, by R. W. George Frank Gouley, G. Sec. of Missouri. Also, *The Evergreen*, published at Davenport, Iowa, edited by R. W. T. S. Parvin, G. Secretary, and R. W. W. B. Langridge, Assistant G. Secretary of the Grand [] of Iowa. These periodicals, and many others of merit and high respectability, will afford an opportunity to all who will read and reflect, to become better informed, and thus a more useful Mason.

UNIFORM CODE OF BY-LAWS.

In my address to this Grand Body, at its annual session for 1869, I recommended the adoption of a uniform code of by-laws for the government of subordinate [], leaving the fees for degrees, dues, and time of meeting, a blank; but this recommendation was not adopted. I deem it a matter of such importance to the Order, that I again call your attention to it. The importance of this subject will be manifest to any one who will take the trouble to examine a half dozen or more of the by-laws of [] in this jurisdiction. Many of them are too complicated and lengthy; others contain provisions, which, if not in direct conflict with the provisions of our Grand [] Constitution, are, to say the least, in violation of its true intent and spirit. In all cases where I have had an opportunity to examine by-laws of this character, I have called the attention of the [] to the same, and the by-laws have been made to conform to the Grand [] Constitution. All this can be easily remedied by the way indicated, and I earnestly recommend that this subject be referred to a special committee, and that they be instructed to report a code of by-laws at the present session.

I wish to call your attention to the desolating calamity that has befallen the citizens and brethren, by the ravages of fire upon the frontier of our own State, the great city of Chicago in a few hours laid in ruins, and great havoc and desolation in the States of Michigan and Wisconsin. These people have seen their homes made desolate, their property destroyed, and their dear and loved ones snatched from them, and thousands upon thousands have been reduced to beggary and want, who were possessed of an abundance of this world's treasure.

The cold and bleak winter is upon them, the hungry and destitute must be fed, the naked clothed. Our duty as Masons is clear, and in this their hour of need let us give freely and abundantly, and thus fulfill the great mission of Masonry. There is as much need of help now as there was some weeks ago. Let us respond to this call in a generous, magnanimous and charitable manner, worthy of us and our noble Order.

As to whether the contributions shall be made by the subordinate [] or from the funds of the Grand [], and to what locality, I refer the matter to this Grand [], and suggest that the same be referred to a special committee.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

Since our last annual Communication, I have visited quite a number of the Subordinate []s, and I have been much gratified to see the deep interest manifested in the general advancement and good of the Order, and the earnest and constant desire, on the part of the officers and brethren to strictly adhere to the landmarks and usages of Masonry. There is manifest that true Masonic spirit, which is always worthy of emulation, of "who can best work and best agree."

I regret that I have not been able to visit a greater number of [], but have been obliged to confine myself to such visitations as demanded my official action.

On the 21st day of December, 1871, I made a formal grand visitation to Henderson [], No. 80, installing the officers elect, and delivered an address. There was a goodly number in attendance from St. Paul and adjacent []. This is a young [], and has had many obstacles to encounter. The members are truly imbued with true Masonic zeal and spirit, and are entitled to great credit for the good and noble work commenced, and which, from every indication, I have reason to believe will be continued, and that Henderson [], No. 80 will not only prosper, but become an example to some which are older in the service.

To the brethren who accompanied me on those several occasions, I feel under many obligations. Their society enlivened the tediousness of many hours of travel, and their assistance aided me much in the discharge of my duties. The fraternal and happy greetings from the brethren I shall ever treasure up in the recollections of a grateful heart.

ON TOO MUCH AND TOO HASTY LEGISLATION.

It must be palpable to every Masonic student who has given the subject any consideration, that there is entirely *too much* legislation; and the tendency of a majority of the Grand [] in this direction, in connection with an evil equally as ruinous, that is, *hasty* legislation, is to be deeply deplored. Masonry is based upon irrevocable and immutable principles, and these are clearly defined by the ancient landmarks of the Order, and the usages and customs of the Craft, and are of too great antiquity, and too sacred in their character and influence, to be tampered with as frequently, and in as hasty and inconsiderate a manner as they are. Let us take warning and enact no law but such as is required—wholesome, wise, just, appropriate, and strictly in accordance with the ancient usages; and when it has been enacted and spread upon our statute books, let it be duly and conscientiously observed, and earnestly and honestly, yet firmly administered, by those in authority.

A few useful and salutary regulations for the government of the Craft, well and truly to be observed and administered, will prove more efficacious than a volume of impracticable laws passed without careful and due consideration, resulting in a majority of cases in non-observance, and producing a vast amount of discussion and trouble. I need only call your attention to the history of the proceedings of this Grand [], to corroborate the truth of my statement.

You, as Representatives, have assembled here as the accredited delegates from the several Subordinate []s in this State, to consult for good, and to wisely legislate for the interests of Masonry, not only for Minnesota, but to advance its interests and principles over the entire globe. May your action be governed by Wisdom, Fraternity, Toleration, and not too hasty legislation. I can not express my views on the subject of hasty legislation better, than given in the able and practical address of M. W. G. M. Tucker's address to the Grand [] of Texas, at its session of 1870. He says:

"In discharging the duties before us, permit me to enjoin it upon you to proceed with patience, and not in haste. Hasty legislation is unwise. Let us not attempt to force business unseasonably, but to give every object its proper degree of attention and care, avoid all hasty action, and seek considerately and intelligently to dispose of the various matters coming before us. Hasty or inconsiderate action always comes back to annoy us afterwards; and in

this I include a practice somewhat prevalent in this Grand Body, of receiving and acting upon reports of committees founded upon *ex parte* statements. It is fruitful of evil, and should be discontinued. Action should not be taken upon any subject, by any committee, or by this Grand Body, that has not been thoroughly examined. The saving of time is not as important as the attainment of justice. Better to continue a committee during the year than to commit an error. We should aim so to conduct our business that, when once passed upon, it may never need a re-examination. Masonic business should be conducted with the same prudent care as that which we would exercise as individuals in managing our own private business—in that we would scarcely abandon it before it was half completed; and yet a large number of the representatives in this Grand Body each year leave for home immediately after the election of officers, and before the business is half completed. This practice should be abandoned. The business before the committees cannot generally be matured until late in the session, consequently it is usual that the most important legislation takes place after many have left, which is much to be regretted. The good of the Order requires that the representatives remain until the close of the Annual Communication, and I urge it upon you, brethren, that you do so."

It has fallen much in my way to observe the manner in which the respective officers of [] have performed the duties devolving upon them, and to which in fact they are as solemnly covenanted, as to any of the duties assumed by the non-official members. The results of my observations have been upon the whole satisfactory.

The Masters in general are models of good deportment, expert in the standard rituals, punctual in attendance at [] assemblages—men whose personal character in the community give tone to the society of which they are the head. This I say with great pride as a Mason, and with distinguished pride as a Grand Master of Masons. Without disparaging the Craft in any other Grand [] jurisdictions, or even making odious comparisons with others, I do not believe that a more thoroughly accomplished set of presiding officers can be found in the United States, than is enjoyed by the Fraternity of Minnesota.

In relation to Treasurers, I think there is no call for anything but praise—I have always found them prompt and efficient in the discharge of their duties.

In relation to Secretaries, I would heartily join in a general strain of approbation of the conduct of those who occupy the South East of our []. I think the queries of our Grand [] Historian, Brother A. T. C. Pierson, P. G. M., who is gathering the facts of Masonic History in Minnesota, will prove that the records have in general been well kept; and I hear no complaint, or at least but few, of that gross perversion of Masonic duty, on the part of Secretaries, loudly complained of in some other Grand [] jurisdictions—I mean that of *holding the funds*, instead of paying them over to the Treasurer.

But there is a subject of complaint made against some Secretaries—and loudly made—which demands my official animadversion. I allude to their neglect of the correspondence of their []. This in some instances, has become almost total. Some [] have been practically cut off from Masonic fellowship with other [], and with the Grand [], by the astonishing neglect and complete reticence of the Secretary. It is barely possible, that *postmasters* or *postmistresses*, who are supposed to have the organ of inquisitiveness largely developed, hold back for their own curiosity, the letters and documents directed to the Secretaries of Masonic []. If so, severe measures should be used to detect the offense and punish the offender, and some of the detective skill of the Post Office Department, so loudly sounded in these latter days, might be employed in this direction.

Perhaps the [] itself does not always furnish the postmaster the name of its Secretary, to whom (and only to whom) should such things be delivered. But this hypothesis does not cover a tithe of the cases complained of, and there can be no other explanation than the neglect of Secretaries to perform their bounden, their sworn duties of office. In many instances [] have been addressed two and even three times by [] of other States, asking for information of the most important character, but without eliciting reply.

The records of some of our [] show no allusion at all to the reception of

the numerous communications forwarded them by our Grand ☐. Even the Grand ☐ Proceedings, printed at such cost and distributed with such care, have never reached the ☐, and so far as the important ends intended by the Grand ☐ are concerned, are totally lost. It is only necessary to point the attention of the Craft to these facts. They have the remedy in their own hands. The theory of the Secretary's office is, "to observe the Worshipful Master's will and pleasure," and it devolves upon the Master to see that this matter, like all others, is duly attended to.

I shall pronounce no encomium on the Order of Free Masonry. It has already existed too long, and entered too deeply into the regards and ramifications of mankind, to require any apology—to need any defence. It arose from the necessities of the human race. It was brought into existence to deal with substantial life—to minister to the real wants—to feed the hungry—clothe the naked—seek out distress—bind up wounds—visit the prisoner in his lonely cell—assuage grief—educate the orphan—protect the widow—comfort the dying, and bury the dead. For these pure and hallowed purposes the Order sprang into existence, and its course has been cheered by the sunny smiles of gratitude and the blessing of God.

We, as Masons, are proud that these duties have been nobly performed, and so perfectly, that it is nearly impossible for a member of the Craft wheresoever dispersed, to be overwhelmed with calamity without finding aid. It stops the hand of injustice. If slander's merciless breath strikes him—there is a brother and friend near-by to defend his reputation, and warn him of all approaching danger. It teaches men to revere the truth, but to *scorn a liar*, and despise the robber of the good name of a brother, or his fellow man—the foulest of burglars—the meanest of highwaymen.

Association is the grand power in modern times—men have ceased acting alone,—they move in masses,—whether it be to bridge the Atlantic with steamers—uproot the dynasty of an empire—construct a railway to the Pacific coast, or re-build a republic. Masonry blends the intellect and energies of a vast multitude of men; we converge the rays of hazy twilight and flame them forth in focal light; we bind the starry spangles into one grand central sun. To accomplish good objects, we have seized upon this great secret of success, and by it we combine the strength, wisdom, arms, hearts and affluence of millions. The Order raises these numerous shields over the widow's unprotected head—it stretches forth myriad arms under the unprotected and unsupported orphan. It has its almost numberless night-watchers—its day visits to the sick and the dying. So many to swell the funeral trains of departed brothers to their final resting place. Its devoted followers act together in unison and peace; and when Masonry utters its cheering and peaceful voice, like the sound of the morning drum of England, it encircles the entire globe.

It must continue to diffuse light and knowledge if it would live. We are in an electric age—one that is changing every hour. The life of a single generation is a far longer period than was once the life of an empire. Time is no longer measured by the successive vibrations of the pendulum, but by the succession of ideas; not by hours, but by events; not by moments even, but by revolutions. Time is no more marked by the sun-dial or the hour-glass, but by strokes of the engine and flashes of the telegraph.

Masonry is lifting its eye over a wider field. It asks what is its business with the *minds of men*? That the spirit is not for a day, nor, like the verse of Skakespeare, for all time. It spreads its wings over the battlements of the invisible world. It leaps the life to come.

Brethren, we must extend the sphere of our beneficence. We are in an intellectual, a progressive and thinking age; and we must do hereafter for the minds of men, as well as for their bodies. A new and brighter day for mankind is everywhere breaking. The monk is leaving his cloister, and the nun her convent, to mingle with the warm life and earnest struggles of the human race, and as they turn their backs on the tall cypress, which for centuries have held their steady moan over those gray sepulchres of the buried alive, they feel the undulation of the new age. The day of scholastic theology, of monkish rituals, of besotting and enslaving priestcraft, has gone by, and it will return no more. We hear the mighty tread of the advancing multitude, asking for "more light."

The purposes of Masonry are good and noble, and its principles are eternal. Its corner stone is laid upon the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, Right, Justice, Friendship and Charity.

In concluding my official career, I cannot but be sensible that my labors have fallen far short of the aim which, five years ago, I had in view. Doubtless others have made the same observation. But I have lived long enough in the world, to see that what we leave undone is far more evident to the public than our labors are. I can only say that I have done *what I could*. Amidst the cares and concerns of my own business—not always smooth and prosperous—I have seized hours and days, often demanded by my own personal affairs, and cheerfully devoted them, without fee or reward, to the duties of my position.

To answer the hosts of letters—to settle the innumerable questions raised, which required great research and anxious inquiry—to visit, lecture and address the [] are some of the visible labors of a Grand Master, but are not the whole or the most perplexing; but to satisfy one's mind upon complicated and important subjects involving the welfare of []—questions often without precedent—to conciliate separated brethren, and to lay out work for this increasing jurisdiction from year to year—this is the burden that has chiefly pressed upon me—that oppresses all who honestly strive to fulfill the duties of Grand Master.

I have the full consciousness of having attempted, in a spirit of zeal and self-sacrifice, to do my official duties, and humbly commend them to you and to the Grand Architect, for whom all our work is done. In a few years, at most, the acacia will bloom over our graves. What we do, we must do quickly. Let us then join hands and hearts, dear brethren, resolved in the utmost spirit of brotherly love, to work while it is called to-day—to work with whatever talent the Great Creator has endowed us, nor doubt but what in the great day of final rest, we shall have all for which we strove.

Permit me before closing, to express my sincere acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon me through your confidence and partiality.

At the time I was elected Grand Master, I was comparatively inexperienced, and surrounded by many amiable, distinguished and intelligent brethren, far better fitted for such an important trust, and I desired that some of them should be selected in preference to myself.

During the time that I have been the executive officer of this Grand Body, I have encountered many trials and difficulties and many anxious hours, yet I cheerfully acknowledge, that amid all these trying circumstances have been interspersed pleasing and delightful seasons of enjoyment.

In the discharge of the duties imposed by the office, I have known neither friend or foe—neither have I deserted the one, or injured the other; nor have I, in the least degree—in any one instance that I am aware of—shrank from a duty, be the consequences what they might.

I thank you, my brethren, one and all, for your unrelaxed support. I thank the Grand Officers for their aid and counsel, and I extend to every brother present or absent the assurances of my kindest fraternal regard;—and although not conscious of having given just cause of offence to any one, yet if by any inadvertent act of mine, I have ever justified the indulgence of any unkind feeling, I ask in all Masonic charity, that such brother will blot from his memory the occasion and the act, and remember me only as one who acted from conscientious motives, and with a view to the attainment of the ends of justice, and who, having none of that pride of opinion which admits of no discovered error, always had the moral courage to acknowledge a fault and make atonement for its effects. And now, my brethren, may you be inspired with the exalted spirit of Freemasonry while performing the solemn duties imposed upon you as Representatives of the Craft in Minnesota.

You have no ordinary duty to perform. The Craft look to you for wisdom in your rules and consistency in your instructions. They have reason to find in you decorum, gravity and dignity. To you they have unreservedly intrusted the honor and welfare of Masonry in this State, and they are not unreasonable in their expectations of finding the Order exalted thereby, and that they will be enabled to behold and boast of their Grand Head with exultant pride.

Trusting in your further indulgence, for the time that I may be called to preside over your deliberations, and hoping that your labors may be conducted

in the spirit of Brotherly love, kindness and charity, which should always attend them, and be crowned with all your fondest wishes, I can only add my own great desire to record your efforts in the advance of our grand Institution for the benefit of the world.

Perform your duty as men and as Masons, and you will then be able to join the chorus and chant the *requiem* of dissolving nature, and exclaim in the language of the poet:

"Eternal hope! when yonder spheres sublime
Peal'd their first notes to sound the march of time.
The joyous youth began—but not to fade—
When all thy sister planets have decayed;
When wrapped in flames, the realms of ether glow,
And Heaven's last thunder shakes the world below,
Thou undismayed, shalt o'er the ruins smile,
And light thy torch with nature's funeral pile."

C. W. NASH, *Grand Master.*

Bro. A. C. Smith moved to refer the M.: W.: G.: M.: Address to a select committee of three, for the purpose of making the usual subdivision and reference, which was adopted.

Bros. A. C. Smith, A. Goodrich, and D. B. Loomis were appointed on said committee.

R.: W.: Bro. Elwood L. Thorne, D.: D.: G.: M.: of New York, and the Grand Representative of this Grand ☐ near the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of New York, was announced, who was received with appropriate honors, and who addressed the Grand ☐ in a fraternal manner.

Bro. C. N. Daniels, G.: V.: & L.: presented the following report, which was ordered placed on record:

ST. PAUL, JANUARY 9, 5872.

To the M.: W.: Grand Master of the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of Minnesota:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR:—By virtue of the re-appointment as Grand Visitor and Lecturer of the M.: W.: Grand ☐ of Minnesota, it again becomes my duty to make this my annual report to you, M.: W.: Sir, and give an account of my labors during the past year.

Tuesday, Jan. 24th, 1871, by the request of the officers of Palestine ☐, No. 79, I visited them, and spent nine days instructing them in the work and lectures, and conferring degrees.

Tuesday, February 21st, 1871, I was directed to go to St. James, to look after the interests of the Craft at that place, a dispensation for a few ☐ having been asked for. On my arrival there, I found a sufficient number of zealous brethren, and very good hall, all in readiness for work. Spent the necessary time instructing them in the work and lectures, and recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Friday, March 10th, I visited the brethren at Redwood Falls, for the same purpose. Here I found quite a number of brethren desirous of forming a new ☐. They then had no suitable place to hold a ☐ in, but were negotiating for one. I spent several days with the brethren, instructing them in the work and lectures, and was well pleased with the proficiency made, and recommended that a dispensation issue to them.

Thursday, March 21st, I visited the brethren at Princeton. Found there a goodly number of zealous brethren, who were desirous of starting a ☐ at this place. I also found a very good hall for ☐ purposes. I therefore gave them

the necessary instructions for them to commence work, and recommended that a dispensation be issued to the petitioners.

This, M. W. Sir, comprises all of my labors as Grand Visitor and Lecturer for the Masonic year just past. As to the condition of the ☐ throughout the State, I can say but very little, as I have made no visitations, except the ones above referred to, but hope they are not retrograding, and trust that the Great Light upon their altars is burning as brightly as when I last visited them.

I am credibly informed that the ☐ working under dispensations are the best working ☐ we have; I should not be surprised if it were so. The only thing we have to fear is, that they will do too much *Work*, and not be careful enough about the fitness of the Material used, and to guard well the Outer Door. For there must not be the sound of Ax, Hammer, or any Tool of Iron heard in or about the building—the Material *must* all be fitted and prepared before it is permitted to assume a place in our Masonic Temple.

For financial statement, I respectfully refer you to my quarterly report.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. N. DANIELS,

G. V. and L.

A memorial and petition was presented from King Hiram ☐ No. 31, Belle Plaine, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Bro. L. E. Thompson, chairman of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted a report from said Committee, as follows:

To the M. W. the G. L. now in session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was recommitted questions and answers referred to in the address of the M. W. G. M., delivered at your last Grand Annual Communication, numbered 9 and 10, as follows:

NINTH.

"The following questions were submitted to me for my opinion:

"1st—Does a Master Mason in good standing in his ☐ possess the inherent right of visiting any Masonic ☐ wherever he may go?"

"2d—It has been claimed that a Master Mason may object to a visiting brother—the reasons to be determined solely in his own conscience. Does a Master Mason possess the unqualified right of objecting to the presence of a visiting brother in his ☐?"

"3d—If a Master Mason objects to a visiting brother sitting in the ☐, is he accountable to the ☐, and is it his duty to give reasons for such objection?"

"4th—If a Master Mason has sufficient reason for objecting to a brother visiting his ☐, is it not his duty to prefer charges, so as to bring the objectionable brother under discipline, and give him an opportunity to vindicate his character?"

"By the provision of the 8th subdivision of section 8, Title Second, of our Grand ☐ Constitution, under the head of Masonic Laws, it is declared, 'That the right to visit Masonically is an absolute right and duty of Masons.' And on page 29 of Mackey's Masonic Jurisprudence, this eminent writer on Masonic law states the following:

"The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular ☐, is an unquestionable Landmark of the Order. This is called the 'right of visitation.' This right of visitation has always been recognized as an inherent right which inures to every Mason as he travels through the world,' &c.

"But, after a careful examination of the subject, my opinion is, that a Mason has not an inherent 'right of visitation.' He has the right to apply to a ☐ to visit, and the ☐ has the right to refuse to admit him. The matter of visitation is a courtesy extended to the visiting brother by the Master and the ☐, and may be refused by the master or the members, if they see proper to do so. It is the imperative duty of the Worshipful Master to preserve peace and harmony in his ☐, and he clearly has the right to prevent any brother

from entering the ☐, whose presence would cause trouble and dissensions in the same, or in any way interfere with the peace and harmony of the ☐, and more especially should any member of the ☐ make his objections to the admission of such visitor. I think there can be little if any doubt, that a member who objects to sit in a ☐ with the brother proposing to visit, need not prefer charges against him, unless he sees proper to do so, the reasons for his objections to be determined solely in his own conscience.

"This right of objecting to the admission of a visiting brother, should not be used without good and sufficient cause, but of the sufficiency of the reason the brother objecting is the proper judge, and is alone responsible."

TENTH.

"In case a member objects to the advancement of a candidate, the Worshipful Master has not the right to demand of the objecting brother the reasons or grounds on which he bases his objection. I am of the opinion that the rule which ought to govern cases like this, is this: after the candidate is elected, any member has the right to object to his receiving the degree, and he cannot receive it until the objection is removed by the brother objecting, said brother not being required to give any reasons unless he sees proper.

"Should the brother objecting, give his reasons voluntarily to the ☐, for its consideration, he must then submit to its determination, by the vote of the members present. Further, any member of a ☐ may at any time inform the Master of his ☐ that he objects to a candidate's receiving the degree, and the Master is bound to consider and respect his objection."

Respectfully beg leave to report, that they have again had the same under consideration, and after a review and examination of the acts, proceedings and regulations of many other Grand ☐, are more firmly convinced than heretofore, that the decision of the M.: W.: G.: M.: numbered 2, is in conformity to usage in this and other jurisdictions. But that said decision seems to be in conflict with Sec. 8, Title 2, Grand ☐ Constitution, quoted in said address. Your committee, therefore, recommend that Sec. 8, Title 2, of the Grand ☐ Constitution, be amended so that the same read as follows:

"SEC. 8. That the right to visit Masonically is an absolute right, but may be forfeited or limited by particular regulations."

In regard to Answer No. 10, having reference to the right of a member to object to the advancement of a candidate—after further review and examination, your committee concur in the views expressed by the M.: W.: G.: M.: and recommend their approval by this Grand ☐.

L. E. THOMPSON,

For the Committee.

Bro. W. R. Edwards moved to adopt the report.

Bro. A. W. Bangs moved an amendment, to lay on the table until the morning session, which was adopted.

Bro. A. C. Smith, for the Committee on Subdivision of M.: W.: G.: M.: Address, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of Minnesota:

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M.: W.: Grand Master, for subdivision and reference, respectfully report:

They recommend that:

1. So much as relates to decisions of the Grand Master, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
2. So much as relates to the death of brethren, be referred to a Special Committee of three: Bros. Prescott, Pierson and Otis.
3. So much as relates to the Work of ☐ U.: D.: be referred to the Standing Committee on Work of ☐ U.: D.:
4. So much as relates to the Grand Lecturer and Visitor, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

5. So much as relates to the Communication of the Grand Master of the District of Columbia, to a Special Committee of three: Bros. Durant, Rogers and Pickett.

6. So much as relates to the subject of Grand Orator, be referred to a Special Committee of three: Bros. H. R. Wells, Stacy and Tyler.

7. So much as relates to the case of O. A. Hadley, be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

8. So much as relates to the subject of "Life Membership," be referred to a Special Committee of three: Bros. Porter, Wright & Bloomer.

9. So much as relates to the matter of printing the Address of the Grand Master, and Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence prior to the session of the Grand ☐, to a Special Committee of three: Bros. Gibbs, Rickerson and C. Leonard.

10. So much as relates to the subject of Library, or Selected Works on Masonry in the Subordinate ☐, to a Special Committee of three: Bros. Broughton, A. L. Porter, and A. C. Smith.

11. So much as relates to a Uniform Code of By-Laws, to a Special Committee of three: Bros. Lounsberry, Furber and Woodbury.

12. So much as relates to the Chicago fire—and fires on our own frontier, and in the States of Wisconsin and Michigan, to a Special Committee of three: Bros. Sencerbox, Hickman and Ball.

13. So much as relates to too much and too hasty legislation, to the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence.

14. So much as relates to the subject of the neglect of Secretaries to attend to their proper duties, &c., to a Special Committee of three: Bros. S. R. Merrell, H. N. Smith, and Wing.

15. So much as relates to creating a Standing Committee on Appropriations, to a Special Committee of three: Bros. Joss, Niles, and Lobdell.

16. So much as relates to the G. . M. . convening certain Standing Committees, to a Special Committee of three: Bros. Shapleigh, Wm. Brown, and Worthing.

17. And the residue of the Address, to a Special Committee of three: Bros. Parsons, Edwards and Barnard.

18. That so much as relates to the progressive age in which we live—the cloister—the convent—the gray sepulchre of the buried alive, and of the disappearance of monkish theology—ritualistic bigotry and besotting and enslaving priestcraft, together with the matters presented by the 230 brothers to the Grand ☐ of Massachusetts, and the report of the select committee to which the same was referred, delivered on the 13th day of September last, to a Special Committee of three: Bros. A. Goodrich, Loomis and Kalder.

A. C. SMITH,	} Committee.
A. GOODRICH,	
D. B. LOOMIS.	

. On motion, the M. . W. . the Grand ☐ was called from labor to refreshment until 10½ o'clock to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

10½ O'CLOCK.

The M. . W. . the Grand ☐ resumed labor.

Bro. C. Griswold, D. . G. . M. . presiding. Bro. W. R. Edwards as S. . G. . W. . Other officers as before. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

M. . W. . C. W. Nash announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the Returns of ☐.—Bros. Wm. S. Combs, C. N. Daniels, and B. F. Wright.

On Returns of ☐ *U. D.:*—Bros. Fitzgerald, John R. Parschall, and Wm. E. Cundy.

On Examination of G. Treas. and G. Sec. Books, &c.—Bros. Ernest Hainlin, Julien H. Gates, and F. B. Van Hoesen.

On Examination of Visiting Brethren.—Bros. W. D. Browne, and G. K. Gilbert.

On Appeals and Grievances.—Bros. W. H. Grant, Wm. J. Parsons, W. R. Edwards, L. W. Folsom, and E. A. Gove.

On Unfinished Business.—Bros. W. G. Dye, H. N. Smith, and G. G. Clemmer.

On Ancient Landmarks.—Bros. A. C. Smith, D. B. Loomis, and A. J. Phelps.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.—Bros. L. E. Thompson, E. D. B. Porter, and E. P. Barnum.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. W. the Grand ☐ *of Minnesota, now in session :*

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of the action had and taken in Brownsville ☐ No. 73, in the case of Valentine Richards, a Master Mason and a member of said ☐, and expelled therefrom on the 14th day of August, A. L. 5871, as appears by the certificate, notification and record, furnished by the Secretary of said ☐, and under the seal thereof, under date 29th December, A. L. 5871, and now in the hands of your committee, respectfully beg leave to report :

That they have carefully examined the proceedings and evidence had and taken in said matter, and find that the same were so had and taken in accordance with well established Masonic usage, and with regard to a due observance of the requirements, rules and regulations established by your M. W. Grand ☐, and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the sentence of expulsion pronounced by Brownsville ☐ No. 73, August 14, A. L. 5871, on Valentine Richards, heretofore a member of said ☐, be and the same is hereby in all respects fully affirmed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. GRANT,	} Committee.
R. A. JONES,	
WM. J. PARSONS,	
B. F. WRIGHT.	

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the M. W. the Grand ☐ *of A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota, now in session :*

The undersigned, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the matter of the action had and taken in Oriental ☐, No. 34, in the cases of Thomas Baker and R. H. Knox, Master Masons, and heretofore members of said ☐, and expelled thereby, on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1871, A. L. 5871; and in the cases of Charles W. Plaisted, and Ira S. Shepard, also Master Masons, and heretofore members of said ☐, and expelled thereby, on the 21st day of January, A. D. 1871, A. L. 5871, as appears by the transcript of proceedings, certificate and notification furnished by the Secretary of said ☐, and now in the hands of your committee, respectfully beg leave to report: that they have carefully examined the proceedings and evidence had and taken in said several cases, and find that said proceedings are in accordance with established Masonic law and usage, and the rules and regulations in such cases

established by your M.: W.: Grand ☐; and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sentence of expulsion pronounced by Oriental ☐, No. 34, in the several cases of Thomas Baker, R. H. Knox, Charles W. Plaisted and Ira S. Shepard, be, and the same are in all respects fully affirmed.

W. H. GRANT, W. J. PARSONS, LEVI W. FOLSOM, E. A. GOVE.	}	Committee.
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The Committee on Appeals and Grievances presented the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, now in session:

The undersigned, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, in submitting their report on the case of Bro. E. A. Hodsdon, have prefixed thereto the summons to the W.: M.: and Wardens of Hennepin ☐, No. 4, and the notification to Bro. E. A. Hodsdon, the appellant therein, together with the return of service thereon of said processes by the W.: the Grand Tiler of this M.: W.: Grand ☐, with his account for services and disbursements therein, amounting to the sum of twelve dollars. And your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of twelve dollars be allowed W.: Bro. A. Richardson, G.: T.: for his services and disbursements in the matter of serving Grand ☐ summons and notice in the case of Bro. E. A. Hodsdon, and that the R.: W.: Grand Secretary be, and is hereby directed to draw a warrant on the R.: W.: the Grand Treasurer, for said sum.

W. H. GRANT, R. A. JONES, WM. J. PARSONS, B. F. WRIGHT.	}	Committee.
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The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report, in case of appeal of E. A. Hodsdon *vs.* Hennepin ☐, No. 4.

To the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of A.: F.: and A.: M.: of Minnesota:

The undersigned, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom, at the last Grand Annual Communication, was recommitted the matter of the appeal of Bro. E. A. Hodsdon, from the action had and taken in his case, in and by Hennepin ☐ No. 4, respectfully beg leave to report:

That pursuant to the several summons hereunto prefixed, your committee met at Masonic Hall, in the city of Saint Paul, on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1872, A.: L.: 5872, for the purpose of considering the said matter; that the present W.: M.: and W.: P.: M.: George T. Vail, together with the appellant and other members of said Hennepin ☐, No. 4, were then and there present; that some of the members of your Committee, conscientiously believing that under the Constitution of the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, no Subordinate ☐ has jurisdiction to try a member of your M.: W.: Grand L.: for any alleged violation of Masonic law, and deeming it expedient that a decision from the M.: W.: the G.: M.: of Masons of Minnesota should be had at once upon said question of jurisdiction, the several members of your committee then and there present, joined in a request to the M.: W.: the Grand Master, submitted to him in writing, that he furnish to your committee a ruling and decision upon the following question, viz:

"Has the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, *exclusive original jurisdiction* in all cases of charges against, and trial of, its own members?" and prayed that his ruling and decision thereon might be furnished your committee at the earliest practicable moment.

The M. W. Grand Master, on the same day furnished your committee with said ruling and decision orally, answering said question in the affirmative. Whereupon your Committee considered, and in view of said ruling and decision of the M. W. the Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota, do report: that the proceedings of Hennepin ☐ No. 4, against Bro. E. A. Hodsdon, a member of your M. W. Grand ☐, and a Past Grand S. W. thereof, were and are unauthorized, and without warrant or proper authority for the same, either in the charter or warrant of said ☐, the Constitution of this M. W. Grand ☐, or the Ancient Landmarks and Regulations of Masonry, accepted and adopted as such in this jurisdiction. And your committee therefore respectfully recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of Hennepin ☐ No. 4, in the matter of the charges against, trial and conviction of, and the expulsion therefrom, of R. W. Bro. E. A. Hodsdon, be and the same is in all respects declared void and of no effect.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. GRANT,	} Committee.
R. A. JONES,	
WM. J. PARSONS.	

Bro. A. Goodrich moved the adoption of the report.

Bro. A. W. Bangs moved an amendment to lay on the table until the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence should be taken up, which motion was adopted.

Bro. S. J. Prentiss moved that all debates on matters of reports on Grievances and Masonic Jurisprudence be limited to five minutes, which motion was lost.

On motion of Bro. J. G. Thompson, the report of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which was laid on the table, was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Bro. Bangs, the report was divided.

As to decision No. 9, "right of visitation," on motion, that part of the report was adopted.

As to the report on decision No. 10, as to the "right of objection to advancement," on motion, it was laid on the table until the evening session.

On motion, the Grand ☐ was called from labor to refreshment until 4 o'clock this evening.

At 4 o'clock the M. W. the Grand ☐ resumed labor. Same officers as before.

Bro. J. W. Morford offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be a committee of three appointed on Pay Roll.

Bros. A. J. W. Thompson, D. F. Brooks, and H. B. Morrison were appointed to serve on said committee.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Secretary and Treasurer's accounts.

The Grand ☐ of Minnesota, in account with Geo. L. Otis, Grand Treasurer.

1871.		Dr.	Cr.
Jan. 11.	By balance in Grand Treasurer's hands as settled this day.		
	See Proceedings of 1871.....		\$ 394.75
Mar. 4.	By cash of Grand Secretary.....		1,179.60
	To cash to E. Hainlin.....	See Voucher No. 1 \$	15.00
" "	Bro. C. N. Daniels.....	" 2	159.00
" "	Pioneer Printing Co.....	" 3	300.00
" "	Bro. A. T. C. Pierson.....	" 4	150.00
" "	M. W. G. M., C. W. Nash.....	" 5	18.00
" "	Bro. A. T. C. Pierson.....	" 6	100.00
" "	".....	" 7	100.00
" "	E. W. Durant.....	" 8	11.40
" "	Pioneer Printing Co.....	" 9	509.03
" "	Bro. W. S. Combs.....	" 10	32.00
" "	Bro. C. N. Daniels.....	" 11	17.70
Apr. 17.	".....	" 12	130.00
May "	Bro. B. F. Wright.....	" 13	28.00
		\$1,570.13	\$1,574.35

1872.
Jan. 9. By balance in Grand Treasurer's hands.....\$ 4.22

The Grand Secretary presented the following report and account, which was referred to the Committee on Secretary and Treasurer's Accounts:

To the M. W. the Grand ☐:

Your Grand Secretary would submit the following brief summary of such matters as he thinks would be proper to present for your consideration:

At the last Communication of the M. W. the Grand ☐, the returns of ☐ were found so defective, and errors having crept in for several years, (the committees on ☐ returns time being limited to such time as they could give them during the session of the Grand ☐) it was deemed wise by the Grand ☐ to appoint a special committee, to make a careful and complete examination, and correct the errors of the past. The committee, consisting of Bros. C. N. Daniels, B. F. Wright, and myself, have discharged that duty; (the report of said committee will be presented during the session). It became my duty to forward the findings of the committee to the various ☐. With but one ☐, to-wit: Wilton ☐, No. 24, have I had any controversy. The committee find that they were not credited with dues for the year 1865. Upon examination it was found that they had forwarded their ☐ dues by express, Oct. 25th, 1865—amount of \$40, and a receipt for it at express office, by the then Grand Secretary, Bro. A. T. C. Pierson. Upon page 555 of Proceedings, will be found the settlement of the G. S., showing an amount paid in G. S. T. over amount first reported by committee, of \$82; this sum may have been received and not credited to this ☐. I would ask that the matter may be investigated, and the ☐ credited with the amount.

The findings of the committee show \$309 due the Grand ☐, and \$149 due from the Grand ☐ to Subordinate ☐. My cash account will show such ☐ as have paid the amount due the Grand ☐. The amounts due Subordinate ☐, I directed the Secretaries to deduct from the dues due at this session. The committee after a great amount of labor, (owing to the incompetency of Secretaries, who I have heretofore had occasion to reflect upon), feel happy in stating that the long and vexatious matter of ☐ returns is at rest, and hereafter the meeting of such a committee a few days prior to the Annual Communication, as at this session, to make corrections, thus enabling the G. S. to make settlement with the Representative to the Grand ☐, will do away with this, to him, a source of great annoyance.

Bro. C. N. Daniels has during the past year brought up the Grand ☐ Register to our present session, showing a complete history of each member in this jurisdiction.

Oct. 18th past, I received from Nicollet ☐, No. 54, the sum of \$50, to forward to the Craft in Chicago. I duly paid the same to the Masonic Relief Fund, which receipt I have sent the brethren at St. Peter, with the grateful thanks of the G. S. M. of Illinois.

Oct. 9th, I received the sum of \$50, to distribute among the sufferers by

fire on our extreme frontiers. I have corresponded with many brethren, and, as yet, have failed to hear of any one of the Craft in distress, and would ask of the brethren of this session if they know of any one who comes under the requirements of the brethren of Dacotah ☐, No. 7; I will cheerfully respond.

William S. Combs, Dr., in account with M. W. the G. L. of Minnesota.

1871.			
Jan. 15.	To Dispensation fee at Princeton.....	\$ 20.00	
" 20.	" " " " Jackson.....	20.00	
" 28.	" " " " Fort Buford.....	20.00	
Mar. 3.	" " " " Litchfield.....	20.00	
" 20.	" " " " Redwood Falls.....	20.00	
" "	" 5 copies Grand ☐ Proceedings, @ \$1.50.....	7.50	
Apr. 21.	Back dues as found by Committee, Hennepin ☐ , No. 4	14.00	
" "	" " " " Wapahasa " " 14	8.00	
" "	" " " " Hiram a Bi " " 83	1.00	
" "	" " " " Union " " 45	1.50	
May 2.	" " " " Spring Valley " " 58	50	
" 3.	" " " " Hokah " " 17	1.00	
" 3.	" " " " Chain Lake " " 64	1.00	
" 9.	" " " " Mantorville " " 11	50	
" 11.	" " " " Dacotah " " 7	12.50	
" 16.	" " " " Mystic Star " " 69	50	
" 22.	" " " " Illustrions " " 63	27.50	
" 25.	" " " " Faribault " " 9	3.00	
June 10.	" " " " Golden Rule " " 65	2.50	
" 14.	" " " " Watertown " " 50	50	
July 5.	" " " " Temple " " 59	4.00	
Oct. 27.	Dispensation.....St. James	20.00	
Nov. 23.	Back dues.....Star in the East " 33	21.00	
" "	" " " " Brownsville " " 73	2.50	
Jan. 12.	Charter fee.....Tyrian " " 86	25.00	
" "	" " " " Orient " " 84	25.00	
" "	" " " " Doric " " 87	25.00	
" "	" " " " High Forest " " 85	25.00	

\$ 329.00

In hands of M. W. C. W. Nash, as follows:

Dispensation, Sauk Rapids,	\$20.00
" Iberia,	20.00
" Elk River,	20.00

\$60.00

William S. Combs, Cr., in account with the M. W. the G. L. of Minnesota.

1871.			
Jan. 19.	Cash Paid, Postage.....	\$ 6.00	
Mar. 10.	" " " ".....	17.60	
" "	" " " ".....	5.00	
May. 3.	" " Warrant No. 14, C. N. Daniels.....	152.00	
Aug. 7.	" " " " 15, Funeral P. G. T. E. Case.....	71.90	
Sept. 7.	" " Postage A. T. C. Pierson.....	1.50	
Dec. 11.	" " Warrant No. 16 Rent G. S. office.....	250.00	
" 30.	" " Express Charges.....	3.75	
" "	" " Stationery, G. S. and G. M.	47.35	
Paid Warrant 17, E. Case Funeral Ex.....		38.50	

Total amount paid out.....\$593.60

" " Receipts.....329.00

Balance due Grand Secretary.....\$264.60

The Committee on ☐ U. S. D., submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand ☐ of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Work of ☐ U. S. D., would respectfully submit the following report:

We have examined the records, papers and returns of ☐ U. S. D.; also have heard testimony in relation to work done, &c., and would respectfully recommend that charters be granted to the following ☐ herein named, to-wit:

"Yellowstone" ☐ No. 88, Fort Buford, D. T.

"Fraternal" ☐ No. 92, Princeton, Mille-Lacs county.

"Golden Fleece" ☐ No. 89, at Litchfield, Meeker county.

"Good Faith" ☐ No. 90, Jackson, Jackson county.

"Antiquity" ☐ No. 91, Redwood Falls.

"Unity" ☐ No. 93, Sauk Rapids.

"Sherburne" ☐ No. 95, Elk River, Sherburne county.

"Keystone" ☐ No. 94, Banner, Brown county.

And would also recommend that the desire of "Libanus" ☐ at St. James, for a continuation of their dispensation, be granted.

PAUL FITZGERALD,	} Committee.
W. E. CUNDY,	
JOHN R. PARSHALL,	

The report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, No. 10, which was laid on the table, was taken up. On a call of ☐ on the adoption of the report, resulted as follows: Those voting in the negative, 144; those in the affirmative, 64. So the report was not adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report:

They have had under consideration the resolution referred to them at the last session of this Grand ☐, involving the question of the jurisdiction of Grand and Subordinate ☐, in the matter of charges and trials of members of this Grand ☐.

After an investigation of this matter, your committee find that no uniform rule prevails in the several Grand ☐; that it is a matter regulated by the Constitution or Regulations of the different Grand ☐.

It must be conceded that by the provisions of Grand ☐ Constitution of this jurisdiction, See Title 1, Sec. 1, Constitution, this Grand ☐ is inalienably vested with the right of government and superintendence of the Fraternity within its jurisdiction. One of the landmarks therein contained is as follows:

"A Grand ☐ has supreme and exclusive jurisdiction within its territorial limits, over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry." Section 8, Subdivision 21, same Title.

The judicial powers are of two kinds:

"Original, embracing all matters of controversy which may arise between Subordinate ☐ or their members, and the enforcement of discipline upon its own members, and ☐ under its jurisdiction, and individual Masons."

"Appellate, embracing all matters of controversy and discipline proper for Masonic investigation, arising in any Subordinate ☐, and over which it has not original jurisdiction."

Section 13 provides, "All governmental powers, whether executive, legislative or judicial, not expressly delegated by the Grand ☐, are inherent in, and reserved to it as the supreme governing body."

Title 4 provides in regard to the powers and privileges of a Subordinate ☐.

Section 14 is as follows:

"The powers and privileges of a Subordinate ☐, or particular ☐, are such as are defined in its warrant, and by the Constitution of the Grand ☐ granting the same, and the Ancient Landmarks and General Regulations," and are executive, legislative and judicial.

"Judicial, embracing the exercise of discipline and settlement of controver-

sies between and over all its members (except the Master), and over all Masons and non-affiliated brethren within its jurisdiction, subject to an appeal to the Grand [] ."

Now, it is claimed by some members of this Grand Body, that, under the above provisions of the Constitution, a Subordinate [] has jurisdiction to try any of its members, and any Mason within its jurisdiction, except its Master, and hence can try a member of the Grand [] . Now, if a Subordinate [] has authority to try one member of the Grand [] , it can try all—none appear to be excepted. Even the M.: W.: G.: M.: would be subject to charges and trial in the [] of which he was a member.

In this connection there is another provision which must be considered, and we refer to Subdivision 15, of Section 8, of Title 1.

"That every Mason must be tried by his peers; hence the Master cannot be tried by his [] ."

The word peer above used, is a word used among nations existing prior to the establishment of Masonry in the United States, and was used with reference to the usages of those nations and people, where rank and caste were recognized, and we find it defined in ancient as well as more modern dictionaries, as persons of the same rank—equals in rank or position.

And the reason given for not subjecting a W.: M.: to trial in his own [] , is, that he outranks his other brethren in that [] —they are not his peers—equal in rank. We claim if the W.: M.: outranks the other members of his [] , the M.: W.: G.: M.: , R.: W.: D.: G.: M.: , and G.: S.: and J.: Wardens of the M.: W.: G.: M.: Grand [] outrank the members of a Subordinate [] , and such officers of this Grand Body cannot be tried by a Subordinate [] , and that no brother who is simply a member of a Subordinate [] , is the peer of the officers and members of this Grand Body.

But whether this position is tenable or not, it is claimed by your committee that this matter has been construed, decided and set at rest, by an amendment of our Grand [] Constitution. Our Constitution adopted in 1857, although a good one, was evidently culled from Constitutions of other Grand Bodies, and when those selections were put together, printed and adopted, it was found (as has often been the case,) that there were inconsistencies in its separate provisions; some of which have since been harmonized, and others have yet to be, to make it perfect in all its parts; and in 1865 the following amendments, among others, were made and adopted:

Rule 15, Section 45, of Title 6, relating to Charges and Trials.

"The Grand [] retains original jurisdiction in all cases of its own members, or of Masters of [] while in office."

Rule 16 provides:

"All provisions of this Constitution conflicting with the forgoing rules and regulations, are hereby repealed."

Now, *Original Jurisdiction* is defined by Bouvier, in his law dictionary, as follows: "Original Jurisdiction is that bestowed upon a tribunal in the first instance."

Then, if the Grand [] of Minnesota had original and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry, and in delegating authority to subordinate [] , it has retained that original jurisdiction in the matter of trial and charges against its own members, by Constitutional enactment, the right to try a member of this Grand Body in a Subordinate [] , has never been delegated and does not exist.

Your committee therefore beg leave to report, that within the jurisdiction of the Grand [] of the State of Minnesota, a Subordinate [] has not jurisdiction in matters of charges and trial of members of this Grand [] , nor of Masters of [] while in office.

Respectfully submitted.

L. E. THOMPSON, }
E. D. B. PORTER, } Committee.
E. P. BARNUM. }

On the motion to adopt this report, it was lost.

Bro. R. A. Jones offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand ☐ will proceed to the election of officers at 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Bro. Gibbs offered a resolution relative to spreading the ballot on each degree, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

On motion the Grand ☐ was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock in the morning.

THIRD DAY.

Nine o'clock—the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ resumed labor. Same officers as before.

Prayer by W.: Bro. G. W. Prescott, G.: C.: Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee on Charters presented the following communication:

To the Committee on Charters:

BROTHERS:—On the 12th of Dec., 1871, I sent C. W. Nash, G.: M.: \$22 per U. S. mail, which he did not receive, as he states. The brethren of Sherburne ☐, U.: D.:, ask you through the Grand ☐, to make a deduction of fee for charter; or grant them an allowance for the same.

Dispensation has now cost us \$42. I hope you will take the matter into consideration and report accordingly. I sent the money myself, therefore know there can be no mistake in regard to its being sent.

L. E. PRESTON, W.: M.:, Sherburne ☐, U.: D.:

Bro. H. Barnard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, By the M.: W.: Grand ☐ of Minnesota, that in view of the foregoing facts, the amount (\$22) so lost by Sherburne ☐, U.: D.:, be credited to them by this Grand ☐ in paying for their charter.

On motion of Bro. S. J. Prentiss, Bro. Thayer, representative of Harmony ☐, No. 43, was excused from further attendance.

Bro. A. C. Smith offered the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, It has been made apparent to this Grand ☐, that in the month of October last, Anoka ☐, No. 30, lost all their funds, amounting to some seven hundred and fifty dollars in money and bonds, (two hundred and fifty dollars thereof being in money,) the same, together with some thousands of dollars in bonds, the property of Ticknor & Co., having been stolen from their safe at that time.

And whereas, Said ☐ have applied to have their Grand ☐ dues for 1871 remitted; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand ☐ dues of Anoka ☐, No. 30, for the year 1871, be and the same are hereby remitted, amounting to forty-four 50-100 dollars.

Bro. Gibbs offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be and are hereby instructed to report at the afternoon session to-day, an amendment to the Con-

stitution, affirming the right of a Subordinate ☐ to try any of its own members, except its Master and the Grand Master while in office.

Adopted.

On motion, the Grand ☐ was called off until 2 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

Same officers as before.

This being the hour for the election of officers, Bros. W. R. Edwards and J. P. Pond were appointed tellers.

While the vote was pending, Bro. A. T. C. Pierson made a report as Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and a verbal report as Historiographer Grand ☐ of Minnesota.

Bro. G. G. Clemmer, of Fidelity ☐, No. 39, was excused from further attendance upon the Grand ☐.

Bro. Prescott, from Committee on Death of certain brethren, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. W. the Grand ☐ of Minnesota :

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the death of certain brethren, respectfully report :

That this call to notice the passing away of eminent brethren who have been fellow workers with us during all the years of this Grand ☐ existence, reminds us that time is busy with us all, and is fast making way for our successors in all earthly work.

That Brethren B. B. French, G. M. Hillyer, and Thos. Brown, Past Grand Masters, need from us no further eulogy to their memory. Their fame is the treasured property of the Masonic world. We sympathize with the jurisdictions to which they severally belonged. These brethren were our Grand Representatives, and so belonged in part to us, making us fellow mourners in a special sense.

That we also sympathize with our sister Grand ☐ of Texas, in the death of the chosen head of her craftsmen.

That we cordially endorse the remarks of our M. W. G. M. relative to our late Worshipful Brother Emanuel Case, P. G. Treasurer, and desire to spread upon our Grand ☐ records the testimonial to his worth and probity which is written in our hearts, and the sympathy we feel for those most nearly bereaved by his death.

That a memorial page be given to our late Grand Treasurer and Grand Representatives, in our printed proceedings.

GEO. W. PRESCOTT, } Committee.
A. T. C. PIERSON. }

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. W. Grand ☐ now in session :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to hasty legislation, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and that they concur in the opinion of the Grand Master that, in our own, as well as in other Grand Jurisdictions, there is "too much legislation," and that this error, as well as that of "hasty legislation," should be carefully guarded against in our deliberations.

L. E. THOMPSON, }
E. D. B. PORTER, } Committee.
E. P. BARNUM. }

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. W. Grand ☐, now in session :

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That the M. W. G. M. be requested to instruct the Subordinate ☐ in this jurisdiction, to spread the ballots for each degree:—Beg leave to report that the matters embraced in said resolution, are fixed by our Regulations and usages, and also fixed by the By-Laws of Subordinate ☐ in this jurisdiction, and we do not deem it necessary to recommend a change in that regard; but since the action of this Grand ☐ in declining to adopt the decision of the M. W. G. M., numbered ten, in regard to objections to advancement of candidates, it is the opinion of this Grand ☐, that there is nothing in the Constitution or Regulations of this Grand ☐, prohibiting the Master of a Subordinate ☐ from spreading the ballot on each degree.

L. E. THOMPSON, }
E. D. B. PORTER, } Committee.
E. P. BARNUM.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted the following report :

To the M. W. the Grand ☐ of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to decisions made by him during the past year, would respectfully report, that they have had the same under careful consideration, and find that said decisions are in accordance with Masonic law and usage, and would recommend that they be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. THOMPSON, }
E. D. B. PORTER, } Committee.
E. P. BARNUM.

Which was adopted except as to that portion of the G. M. decisions in answer to questions submitted by standing committees on Masonic Jurisprudence and Appeals and Grievances. (See pages 12 and 13, G. M. address.)

The committee to whom was referred that part of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address, relative to a standing committee on appropriations, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. W. the Grand ☐ of Minnesota :

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address, as relates to the creation of a Standing Committee on Appropriations, would report that they have had the matter under consideration, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a standing committee of three be appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to whom all resolutions for appropriations of money shall be referred, before they are acted upon by the Grand ☐.

F. JOSS, }
J. S. NILES, } Committee.
S. C. LOBDELL.

The Committee on Printing presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the M.: W.: Grand ☐ of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the M.: W.: Grand Master's address, relative to printing, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter the annual address of the Grand Master, and the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, be printed in advance, and a copy delivered to each member of the Grand ☐ at the opening of the Annual Communication; that the Grand Secretary reserve a sufficient number of copies to be annexed to the Proceedings of the Grand ☐, in the form of an Appendix, so that the matter be printed only once.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OLIVER GIBBS, JR., }
C. W. RICKERSON, } Committee.
CHARLES LEONARD, }

The committee to whom was referred the matter of life membership, submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand ☐, now in session:

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the M.: W.: Grand Master's address as relates to financial life membership in Subordinate ☐ have had the matter under advisement, and beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand ☐, in view of the many perplexing questions arising from the matter of non-payment of dues, recommend the life membership system for adoption by Subordinate ☐, in the place of the system of annual dues.

E. D. B. PORTER, }
B. F. WRIGHT, } Committee.
W. F. BLOOMER, }

The Committee on duties of Secretaries of Subordinate ☐, submitted the following report and recommendation, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand ☐ of Minnesota:

Your committee on that portion of the M.: W.: Grand Master's address relating to non-performance of duties of Secretaries of ☐, beg leave to report: Your committee do not think any legislation necessary at this time to correct these irregularities as shown by the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master, but would recommend that the attention of Masters and Secretaries of ☐ be called to the matters therein set forth, and that each Master should not only fully instruct his Secretary as to his whole duty, but should see that his will and pleasure is duly observed.

S. R. MERRELL, }
H. N. SMITH, } Committee.
J. E. WING. }

Report of the Committee on Convening certain Standing Committees prior to the annual communication, submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand ☐ of Minnesota, now in session:

The committee to whom were referred that portion of the M.: W.: Grand Master's address in relation to convening the Standing Committees, beg leave to make the following report:

That after due deliberation they concur in the suggestions of the M.: W.: Grand Master, and they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M.: W.: Grand Master be authorized to convene at such time as he may deem advisable before the session of the Grand ☐, the following Standing Committees:

"The Committee on the Returns of ☐," "The Committee on Appeals and Grievances," and "The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence;" and that the members of said committees be paid the same per diem and mileage as is paid the members of this Grand ☐.

T. C. SHAPLEIGH,	} Committee.
WM. BROWN,	
S. S. WORTHING.	

The Committee on Appointment of Grand Orator, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, now in session:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the M.: W.: G.: M.: address which relates to the appointment of a Grand Orator, beg leave to report, that they have given the suggestions of the M.: W.: G.: M.: their considerate attention, and respectfully recommend the concurrence of the M.: W.: Grand ☐ therein by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M.: W.: G.: M.: at each annual communication of the M.: W.: the Grand ☐, appoint a discreet and well qualified brother, who shall be an appointed officer, and denominated the Grand Orator of the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of the State of Minnesota, whose duty it shall be to address the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ at the annual Communication succeeding his appointment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. R. WELLS,	} Committee.
D. K. STACY,	
C. B. TYLER.	

The tellers appointed announced the following result of the election for officers:

M.: W.: GROVE B. COOLEY, G.: M.:
 R.: W.: CHAS. GRISWOLD, D.: G.: M.:
 R.: W.: J. N. CASTLE, G.: S.: W.:
 R.: W.: E. P. BARNUM, G.: J.: W.:
 R.: W.: G. L. OTIS, G.: Treasurer.
 R.: W.: W. S. COMBS, G.: S.:
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On motion, the hour of 8 o'clock was fixed as the hour for installation of the newly elected officers.

On motion, the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ was called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.—7 O'CLOCK.

The M.: W.: the Grand ☐ resumed labor. Same officers as before.

As Bro. J. W. Sencerbox, of the Committee on the sufferings by the great fires of Chicago, Wisconsin and on our frontier, not being present, the M.: W.: the G.: M.: appointed Bro. Harris on said committee, in his place.

Bro. L. E. Thompson for the Committee on Masonic Jurispru-

dence, to whom was referred the following resolution of Bro. J. G. Thompson, submitted the annexed report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That section 73 of the General Regulations of this Grand ☐, be amended so as to read as follows:

This Grand ☐ shall be composed of the Grand Officers mentioned in sections 54 and 55 of this Constitution, and all past Grand Masters of this Grand ☐, and the Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, of all ☐ subordinate to this Grand ☐. A proxy must have arrived to the rank of Warden.

To the M.: W.: Grand ☐, now in session:

Your committee to whom was reported resolution of Brother J. G. Thompson, in regard to a change of Grand ☐ regulation in regard to membership, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration; and that in the opinion of your committee, the welfare of the Craft in this jurisdiction does not require any change of the Grand ☐ Regulations in this regard, and such resolution be not adopted.

L. E. THOMPSON,	} Committee.
E. D. B. PORTER,	
E. P. BARNUM.	

The hour having arrived for the installation of officers, on motion, it was postponed until 11 o'clock.

- Bro. W. J. Parsons for the Committee on residue of the M.: W.: G.: M.: address, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: the Grand ☐, of A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota:

The undersigned, your committee, to whom was referred those portions of the M.: W.: the Grand Master's address, not otherwise disposed of, respectfully beg leave to report:

That they have had under careful consideration the parts of the address specially referred to them, and gratefully acknowledge that they rise from the performance of that duty with a consciousness that the observance of the suggestions and teachings of the address must result in the furtherance of the best interests of our beloved Order and the personal well-being of its individual members.

Your committee being at the same time members of other committees of this M.: W.: Grand Body, have been unable, in consequence of the imperative claims on their time as members of those committees, to give to these matters specially referred to them, the full consideration which, in their judgment, they demand, but the true intent and teachings of Ancient Craft Masonry are, in our opinion, correctly enunciated therein, and your committee do most earnestly and sincerely recommend them to the careful examination and attention of every Mason in Minnesota.

To the conservative and prudent action of the M.: W.: the Grand Master of Masons in this jurisdiction, this M.: W.: Grand ☐ is indebted for the truly fraternal relations which exist between this and other Grand ☐, in our own country and elsewhere; and it has been with no little pride and satisfaction in this conservative course of our Grand Master, that we have been unable to discover any dissensions between our own and sister Grand ☐.

It is apparent from the great variety and vastly increased duties pertaining to the office of Grand Master of Masons in this jurisdiction, that the position is no sinecure; and to discharge those duties faithfully and well requires the possession of intellectual and executive ability of the highest order, as well as the physical strength and power of endurance of a perfect man. And while these duties and labors have so greatly increased during the past five years, it is also true that the honors of the position have, at the same time, been proportionately augmented. The consciousness of having faithfully discharged the former and fully worn the latter is, to some extent at least, compensatory for the self-sacrifice required; for Masons, above all other men, should take most pride in the verdict, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The teachings of this address distinctly enunciate the proposition which it were well for all Masons to accept and act upon: That Masonry is not of the *brain* alone, but it is also of the *heart and hand*—that it is not merely a subject for pleasant research, in which to while away an otherwise idle hour, but the embodiment of living truths, which must find a lodgment in the heart, and an expression in the conduct of every true worshiper at her altars—and that he has no rightful claim to be accounted a proficient in her mysteries,—no matter how fluently he may recite her rituals, or how learnedly he may talk of her Ancient Landmarks, usages, customs, and laws,—whose heart is filled with “hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness,” or whose hand is withheld from the performance of any good deed.

These are, in the opinion of your committee, the teachings of this eloquent appeal. Let us heed and profit by them in our lives and conduct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. J. PARSONS,
W. R. EDWARDS, } Committee.
H. BARNARD.

Bro. W. J. Parsons presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand ☐ State of New York, near the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, who was received as such.

M.: W.: C. W. Nash presented his credentials as the Grand Representative of the Grand ☐ of Iowa and District of Columbia, near the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, and he was duly received as such.

Bro. E. W. Durant submitted the following report on Communication of the Grand Master of District of Columbia, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand ☐ of Minnesota:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as related to the letter of Bro. Charles F. Stansbury, Grand Master of the Grand ☐ of the District of Columbia, covering the letter of resolutions adopted by and forwarded to the Grand ☐ of the District of Columbia, and to the Grand ☐ and Brethren throughout the United States, by the United Grand ☐ of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England, held at Free Mason's Hall, London, on Wednesday, June 7, 1871, The Right Honorable The Earl de Grey and Ripon, Grand Master on the Throne, presiding, would respectfully present to the Grand ☐ the following:

That this Grand ☐ do most cheerfully acquiesce in the courtesy extended by the Grand ☐ of the District of Columbia to our Illustrious Brother, The Right Honorable The Earl de Grey and Ripon, and through him to all our Brethren of the Grand ☐ of England and its Subordinate ☐; that we recognize in the exchange of greetings with our trans-Atlantic brethren, another golden link in the fraternal that should not only bind us together as brethren, but an additional bond binding us together in a fraternal spirit, as two of the great representative nations of the globe.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

E. W. DURANT,
Chairman Committee.

The Committee on Uniform Code of By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of Minnesota:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the adoption of a uniform code of by-laws, for the government of Subordinate ☐, leaving blank the fees for degrees, dues, and time of

meeting, beg leave to report, that while they earnestly endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master on this subject, the limited time given them for its consideration will not permit them to prepare the code suggested in time for action at this session of the Grand ☐. They therefore recommend that the subject be recommitted to a special committee of three, to be selected by the Grand Master, with special reference to their fitness for the work, with instructions to prepare such a code, to be submitted to the action of this Grand ☐ at its next annual session.

C. A. LOUNSBERRY,
J. T. FURBER,
G. H. WOODBURY. } Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Library, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to the procuring of Masonic libraries by the Subordinate ☐ in this jurisdiction, beg leave to make the following report :

The sentiments expressed in the M. W. Grand Master's address is fully endorsed by your committee, and they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Masters of the Subordinate ☐ in this jurisdiction be requested to bring this matter before their respective ☐, at their earliest convenience, and request that the ☐ take such action in regard to procuring a Masonic Library, Masonic periodicals, &c., as in their opinion will best serve the interest of the Craft, and the finances of the ☐ will warrant.

E. M. BROUGHTON,
A. L. PORTER. } Committee.

Bro. R. Stewart offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved : That the printing of the Grand ☐ Proceedings be committed to a special committee, to be appointed by the M. W. the G. M.

The M. W. the G. M. appointed Bros. W. G. Dye, W. S. Combs, and B. F. Wright on said committee.

The committee to whom was referred the following notice of trial and expulsion in King Solomon ☐, No. 44, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

[EXPULSION.]

Hall of King Solomon ☐, No. 44, A. F. & A. M.

This certifies that at a regular meeting of King Solomon ☐, No. 41, held on the twentieth day of December, A. L. 5871, Bros. *Harrison Allen* and *L. H. Hawkins* were expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said ☐, at Shakopee, this 20th day of December, A. L. 5871.

CHAS. H. LORD,
Secretary.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. W. the G. M. ☐, now in session :

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the matter of the action had and taken in King Solomon ☐, No. 44, in the cases of *Harrison Allen* and *L. H. Hawkins*, heretofore M. M. and members of said ☐, and expelled thereby on the 20th of December, A. D. 1871, A. L. 5871, respectfully beg leave to report, that no part of the proceedings or evidence in said cases have been placed in the hands of your committee, and they

are unable to say whether said proceedings were in conformity with Masonic law and usage; they have only the Secretary's certificate. They therefore respectfully report said matters back to your M. W. Body, and recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to require said proceedings from said King Solomon □, No. 44, to be sent up to your committee within 30 days from the day of said requisition, and that your committee have until the next Grand Annual Communication to examine and report upon the same.

W. H. GRANT,	} Committee.
W. J. PARSONS,	
W. R. EDWARDS,	
LEVI W. FOLSOM.	

The following memorial of King Hiram □, No. 31, Belle Plaine, was reported back by the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Returns of □. Signed by W. H. Grant, W. J. Parsons, W. R. Edwards, Committee on Appeals and Grievances. Which was adopted:

MEMORIAL.

To the M. W. the Grand □ of A. F. and A. M. of Minnesota:

The Master, Wardens, and Brethren of King Hiram □, No. 31, working under your jurisdiction, fraternally and respectfully represent that they have received during the last year, through the R. W. Grand Secretary, a communication, bearing date April 18th, 1871, accompanied by a full statement of the findings of a committee appointed by your body to examine and correct returns of Subordinate □, from 1867 to 1870 inclusive, a copy of which statement is hereto annexed, and in which our □ is charged with arrearages, accruing since 1861, to the amount of \$48.00.

Without prevarication, as a □ we plead guilty to irregularity in some proceedings relative to "striking from the roll" for non-payment of □ dues, the formula incident thereto having been, until recently, very imperfectly defined to us. Also, that until 1867, no copy of the return made to the Grand □ had ever been filed in this □, by previous Secretaries, nor a □ register kept; hence, we have no other data than that of the general □ record from which to review the findings of the committee referred to.

Circumstances incident to the breaking out of the war in 1861, and the Indian troubles of 1862-3, affecting personally a large proportion of our □ membership, and necessitating frequent temporary appointments of Secretary, opened the way to irregularities, and so much so, that the present officers and members despair in any attempt to particularize them, or to offer a plea for their justifying the same.

Commencing with the year 1867, our record has been more perfectly kept, and discrepancies occurring since then we could more cheerfully recognize as within the province of the committee, but as they have charged us six years further back, we can only throw ourselves on the mercy of the Grand □ for relief.

We are located in a field wherein material on which to work is scarce. By dimissions and removals, our □ membership is reduced to 24, as per returns to Grand □, 11 only of whom reside within our jurisdiction available for work.

We have been compelled to practice rigid economy to sustain ourselves in later years, with a probability of limited additions to our numbers in the near future.

Our resources are small, and to be required to pay the claim of \$48.00 would be exhaustive and discouraging.

Loyal as ever to your Grand Body, King Hiram □, No. 31, asks to be healed of fault in the matter referred to.

In behalf of the □,

JNO. S. PASHLEY, Worshipful Master.
GEO. L. DEMING, Senior Warden.
F. GREENE, Junior Warden.

A true copy of the Record.

GEO. E. SLX,

Secretary King Hiram □, No. 31, A.: F.: and A.: M.:

Bro. E. D. B. Porter offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to report at the next session of the M.: W.: the G.: □:

Resolved, That the Grand □ of Minnesota recognize the organization of the Grand □ of Quebec as just and regular; and that the said Grand □ is entitled to admission into the Masonic circle of Grand □.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: the Grand □ of Minnesota, now in session:

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the M.: W.: G.: M.:s address as relates to Grand Lecturer and Visitor, have had under consideration the same, and beg leave to report.

That the suggestions of the M.: W.: G.: M.: in regard to uniformity of work, and instructions to Subordinate Bodies, are worthy of sincere consideration upon the part of this Grand □; and that your committee cannot recommend any better mode of disseminating instructions to Subordinate □ than the system of a Grand Lecturer and Visitor. But owing to the condition of the finances of this Grand □, we cannot recommend any change of the system of instructing the Craft than that adopted at your last session.

We therefore recommend that the rule and resolution adopted at your last Communication be continued for the ensuing year.

L. E. THOMPSON,	} Committee.
E. D. B. PORTER,	
E. P. BARNUM.	

Bro. A. C. Smith submitted an amendment to the Grand □ Constitution on Trial Code, which amendment was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, in the Hodsdon case, was taken from the table, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

(The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, it being the time fixed for installation of officers, the same was postponed until after the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances in the Hodsdon case was disposed of.)

The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances in the Hodsdon case, being divided, as to the preamble from the resolution, on a call of □, on the adoption of the resolution, which resulted as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative..... 69

Those voting in the negative..... 138

So the resolution was lost.

The M.: W.: the G.: ☐ was called from labor to refreshment, until 10 o'clock in the morning.

FOURTH DAY.

Ten o'clock.—The M.: W.: the G.: ☐ resumed labor. Same officers as before.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, M.: W.: Bro. Geo. W. Prescott.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, a select committee of three was appointed to investigate and report as to the regularity of Hennepin ☐, No. 4, in the trial of E. A. Hodsdon. Bros. A. C. Smith, L. W. Folsom, and G. R. Dart were appointed.

The Committee on Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's Accounts, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was assigned the examination of the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and find that the

Grand Treasurer has received from the Grand Secretary, during the past year, in cash and vouchers, the sum of.....	\$1,179 60
Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands last report.....	394 75

Total.....	\$1,574 35
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And has disbursed, as per vouchers presented.....	1,570 13
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Leaving a balance at commencement of this session in hands of Grand Treasurer, of.....	4 22
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We also find that the Grand Secretary has received during the past year the sum of.....	\$329 00
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And paid out.....	555 10
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Leaving due the Grand Secretary at the commencement of the present session the sum of.....	264 60
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In regard to the dues of Wilton ☐, No. 24, for 1865, alluded to in the report of the Grand Secretary, we find that the session of this Grand ☐ for 1865, commenced on the 24th day of October, and ended on the 25th day of October, in that year, at which session no returns were received from Wilton ☐, No. 24.

We also find that the Committee on Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary's Accounts at that session, reported in the hands of the Grand Secretary, to be paid to the Grand Treasurer, the sum of \$1,495.40. And by reference to Proceedings of 1865, Grand ☐ Proceedings, page 555, we find that the Grand Secretary paid the Grand Treasurer the sum of \$1,577.40, being \$82.00 more than the committee reported in his hands, which sum was received by him subsequent to the report of said committee.

Your committee are of the opinion that the dues of Wilton ☐, No. 24, for 1865, were duly forwarded to the Grand Secretary, but were received by him after the close of the session of the Grand ☐, and that the same were duly paid to the Grand Treasurer, being included in said item of \$82.00. Wherefore, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to credit Wilton ☐, No. 24, with the sum of \$40, in payment of the dues of said ☐, for the year A. D. 1865.

Your committee also find that there has been received by the M. W. Grand Master, during the past year, the sum of \$60, which sum is now in his hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ERNEST HAINLIN, }
JULIAN H. GATES, } Committee.
J. P. POND. }

M. W. Grove B. Cooley, Grand Master elect, appointed the following Grand ☐ Officers, to-wit :

M. W. Bro. G. W. PRESCOTT,.....G. C.
Bro. L. Z. ROGERS,.....G. M.
" H. N. SMITH,.....G. Swd. B.
" ALEXANDER OLDHAM,G. Std. B.
" D. M. BALDWIN,.....G. S. D.
" J. L. POWERS,.....G. J. D.
" T. C. SHAPLEIGH,.....G. P.
" O. W. WALDO,.....S. G. S.
" BRADLEY P. CHENEY,J. G. S.
" A. RICHARDSON,.....G. T.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the address on the sufferers by fire, presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the M. W. Grand ☐ of Minnesota, now in session :

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to the suffering of our citizens and brethren by the Chicago fire, the fire on our frontier, and in the States of Michigan and Wisconsin, respectfully report :

That whereas, we believe the losses and suffering occasioned by the fires in Chicago, Michigan, Wisconsin, and on our frontier, have been met and relieved in a great measure by the generous contributions and liberality of the members of this Grand ☐, and the members of Subordinate ☐, in their capacity of citizens, so far as their ability would permit, while a considerable sum has been contributed by Subordinate ☐, as such ;

And whereas, the R. W. Grand Secretary has now a sum of money in his hands subject to distribution among suffering brethren of the Craft, who have met with losses on our frontier by fire, and no case of suffering among brethren on our frontier having as yet come to his knowledge ;

We therefore deem it unnecessary at this time to recommend any further contributions, but that should the necessity for aid arise, we would respectfully ask that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to send his circular to Subordinate ☐ within the jurisdiction of this Grand ☐, asking them for further contributions.

W. H. HARRIES, }
C. O. BALL, } Committee.
JOHN A. WILSON. }

The special committee to investigate as to the irregularity of Henepin ☐, No. 4, in the trial of E. A. Hodsdon, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. W. the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, now in session :

Your special committee to whom was referred the documents, reports, and other papers in the case of E. A. Hodsdon, have had the matter under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report :

From the files and records in this case, your committee have no doubt but various irregularities have taken place in the proceedings of Hennepin ☐, No. 4, touching the trial and subsequent conviction of E. A. Hodsdon, for gross unmasonic conduct.

That the nature of the charges are such, that if proved true, in accordance with the trial code, the said Hodsdon should certainly receive the severest penalty known to Masonic law, while, if not true, he should receive a speedy, open, and an honorable acquittal.

In view, then, of the irregularities above referred to, your committee would most respectfully recommend that this Grand ☐ remand said case back to Hennepin ☐, No. 4, with instructions that said Hennepin ☐, No. 4, give said Hodsdon a rehearing, if desired by him, in accordance with the trial code.

The committee further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify said Hodsdon of the final action of this Grand ☐, and that the said Hodsdon be allowed thirty days to claim said rehearing (by a notice in writing to said ☐), after receiving said notice from the Grand Secretary.

The committee would further recommend that the files and all papers and documents in the Grand Secretary's hands in this case be returned to Hennepin ☐, No. 4.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. SMITH, Chairman,	} Committee.
LEVI W. FOLSOM,	
J. R. DARTT.	

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which, on motion, was laid on the table :

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the jurisdiction of Grand and Subordinate ☐, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and for the reasons therein stated, and as expressed in our report to your Grand ☐ at its present session,

State, that in the opinion of your committee, said decisions of the M. W. G. M. are correct, as applied to this jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

L. E. THOMPSON,	} Committee.
E. D. B. PORTER,	
E. P. BARNUM.	

Bro. Gibbs offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

Resolved, That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be and are hereby instructed to report at the afternoon session to-day, an amendment to the Constitution, the right of a Subordinate ☐ to try any of its own members, except its Master and the Grand Master while in office.

Bro. A. C. Smith proposes to amend the Constitution, as follows :

Amend Rule 15 of the Trial Code, by striking out the words, "members or," and insert the words, "officers during the period for which they were elected or appointed, and," so that when amended said rule will read as follows :

"The Grand ☐ retains original jurisdiction in all cases of its own officers, during the period for which they were elected or appointed, and of Masters of ☐ while in office."

Adopted by a two-third vote.

The Committee on Pay Roll submitted the following report, which was adopted :

PAY ROLL GRAND LODGE.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number.	No. Days.	Per Diem.	Mileage.	Total.	Am't G.: L. Dues.	TO WHOM PAID.
St. Johns.....	1	4	\$12 00	\$ 2 00	\$14 00	\$ 66 50	E. W. Durant.
Cataract.....	2	4	12 00	50	12 50	131 50	Solon Armstrong.
St. Paul.....	3	4	12 00	.....	12 00	102 50	Charles Leonard.
Hennepin.....	4	4	12 00	50	12 50	159 00	H. Barnard.
Ancient Landmark	5	4	12 00	.....	12 00	164 50	Julien H. Gates.
Dakota.....	7	4	12 00	2 40	14 40	49 00	C. O. Ball.
Red Ring.....	8	4	12 00	4 50	16 50	81 00	Dwight M. Baldwin.
Faribault.....	9	4	12 00	6 10	18 10	82 50	John R. Parshall.
Mantorville.....	11	4	12 00	2 60	21 60	26 00	J. R. Dartt.
Mankato.....	12	4	12 00	2 60	20 60	85 00	A. D. Seward.
Wapahaska.....	14	4	12 00	6 90	18 90	44 00	H. N. Smith.
Monticello.....	16	4	12 00	6 00	18 00	43 00	Thomas C. Shapleigh.
Hokah.....	17	4	12 00	18 80	30 80	42 00	L. T. Lyon.
Winona.....	18	4	12 00	10 00	22 00	93 50	W. G. Dye.
Minneapolis.....	19	4	12 00	50	12 50	114 00	Paul Fitzgerald.
Caledonia.....	20	4	12 00	22 60	22 50	23 50	W. H. Harries.
Rochester.....	21	4	12 00	10 10	32 10	97 50	Wm. Brown.
Pleasant Grove.....	22	4	12 00	13 10	25 10	35 50	O. H. Page.
North Star.....	23	4	12 00	7 00	19 00	53 50	J. E. Wing.
Wilton.....	24	4	12 00	9 50	17 50	17 50	George H. Woodbury.
Western Star.....	26	4	12 00	12 00	24 00	37 50	F. B. Forbes.
Blue Earth Valley.	27	4	12 00	16 70	28 70	46 50	T. L. Rice.
Clearwater.....	28	4	12 00	7 00	19 50	35 00	H. B. Morrison.
Morning Star.....	29	4	12 00	22 60	.....	17 00	Not Represented.
Anoka.....	30	4	12 00	3 20	15 20	44 50	W. E. Cundy.
King Hiram.....	31	4	12 00	5 00	17 00	19 50	C. B. Tyler.
Sakatah.....	32	4	12 00	8 60	20 60	31 00	G. A. Blair.
Star in the East.....	33	3	9 00	6 10	15 10	66 50	A. C. Hickman.
Oriental.....	34	4	12 00	6 50	18 50	27 00	John A. Wilson.
Mount Moriah.....	35	4	12 00	2 40	14 40	46 50	J. L. Powers.
Preston.....	36	4	12 00	16 60	27 60	67 50	A. Kelder.
Mystic Tie.....	37	4	12 00	12 00	24 00	38 00	S. S. Worthing.
Washington.....	38	4	12 00	11 60	23 60	38 50	O. W. Waldo.
Fidelity.....	39	3	9 00	10 40	19 40	6 00	G. G. Clemmer.
Carnelian.....	40	4	12 00	6 10	18 10	62 00	Oliver Gibbs, Jr.
Hermion.....	41	4	12 00	7 50	19 50	34 00	B. P. Cheney.
Hope.....	42	4	12 00	8 00	20 00	24 50	G. K. Gilbert.
Harmony.....	43	3	9 00	15 00	24 00	34 00	W. P. Thayer.
King Solomon.....	44	4	12 00	3 00	15 00	41 50	J. W. Sencerbox.
Union.....	45	4	12 00	6 30	18 30	41 50	John Taylor.
Evergreen.....	46	4	12 00	13 30	19 00	19 00	Isaac N. Fry.
Concord.....	47	4	12 00	9 00	21 00	22 00	W. H. Hall.
Social.....	48	4	12 00	4 20	16 20	43 00	F. A. Noble.
Rising Sun.....	49	4	12 00	13 50	25 50	53 50	J. W. Brockert.
Watertown.....	50	4	12 00	5 50	17 50	39 50	Ernest Hainlin.
Acacia.....	51	4	12 00	3 00	15 00	42 00	E. M. Cox.
Cannon River.....	52	4	12 00	7 10	19 10	36 00	P. M. Norton.
Nicollet.....	54	4	12 00	7 50	19 50	49 50	Thomas Montgomery
Zion.....	55	4	12 00	7 00	18 50	18 50	Levi W. Folsom.
Meridian.....	56	4	12 00	16 60	28 60	48 00	W. R. Edwards.
Blue Earth City.....	57	4	12 00	17 50	22 50	22 50	G. W. Buswell.
Spring Valley.....	58	4	12 00	11 80	23 80	58 00	S. C. Lobdill.
Temple.....	59	4	12 00	9 80	21 60	22 00	Kee Wakefield.
Star in the West.....	60	4	12 00	17 50	29 50	33 50	E. P. Barnum.
Ashlar.....	61	4	12 00	11 60	23 60	27 50	James S. Niles.
Star.....	62	4	12 00	5 00	17 00	37 00	F. B. Angell.
Illustrious.....	63	4	12 00	12 10	24 10	59 00	A. Smith.
Chain Lake.....	64	4	12 00	23 00	32 00	32 00	J. F. Daniels.
Golden Rule.....	65	4	12 00	4 00	12 00	12 00	Oliver Bailey.
Madelia.....	66	4	12 00	11 00	23 00	16 50	J. T. Furber.
Corinthian.....	67	4	12 00	.....	12 00	28 00	E. L. Brackett.
Mystic Star.....	69	4	12 00	17 30	29 30	30 00	Charles W. Gove.
Forest City.....	70	4	12 00	8 50	20 50	17 50	S. B. Hutchins.
Paynesville.....	71	4	12 00	10 00	16 50	16 50	John Moore.
Lansing.....	72	4	12 00	9 80	21 80	23 00	P. D. Vaughn.
Brownsville.....	73	4	12 00	16 00	15 50	16 00	H. H. Selfridge.
Minneiska.....	74	4	12 00	9 10	15 50	15 50	D. Brooks.

PAY ROLL GRAND LODGE.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number.	No. Days.	Per Diem.	Mileage.	Total.	Am't G. L.: Dues.	TO WHOM PAID.
Eureka.....	75	4	\$12 00	\$11 40	\$23 40	\$34 00	A. J. Porter.
Joppa.....	76	4	12 00	11 10	23 10	33 50	James G. Thompson.
Tuscan.....	77	4	12 00	9 00	21 00	22 00	E. M. Broughton.
Mystic Circle.....	78	4	.....	.....	.....	9 50	— drew pay as G. L. O.
Palestine.....	79	4	12 00	15 00	27 00	79 00	ENashfor EMBloomer
Henderson.....	80	4	12 00	6 00	18 00	26 50	Daniel Picket
Constellation.....	81	4	.....	.....	.....	16 00	Not Represented.
Howard.....	82	4	12 00	5 40	16 50	16 50	C. W. Rickerson.
Huram a Bi.....	83	4	12 00	8 60	20 60	38 00	A. L. Porter.
Orient.....	84	4	12 00	18 40	29 00	61 00	H. A. Corey.
High Forest.....	85	4	12 00	12 10	16 50	16 50	W. K. Tattersall.
Tyrian.....	86	4	12 00	10 00	22 00	26 00	W. W. Black.
Doric.....	87	4	12 00	14 00	21 50	21 50	C. A. Lounsberry.
Key Stone, U. S. D.:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	
Fraternal ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 60	
Golden Fleece ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	
Antiquity ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 00	
Unity ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	
Good Faith ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	
Sherburne ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	
Yellowstone ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 00	
Libanus ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	
Grand Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1553 80	\$3678 50	

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

NAMES.	Number.	No. Days.	Per Diem.	Mileage.	Total.	Grand L. L.: Dues.	TO WHOM PAID.
W. H. Grant.....		4	\$12 00	.....	\$12 00	.....	W. H. Grant.
W. J. Parsons.....		4	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	W. J. Parsons.
B. F. Wright.....		4	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	B. F. Wright.
W. H. Grant.....		4	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	W. H. Grant.
Grand Total.....					\$48 00	.....	

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

NAMES.	Number.	No. Days.	Per Diem.	Mileage.	Total.	Grand L. L.: Dues.	TO WHOM PAID.
L. E. Thompson.....		4	\$12 00	50	\$12 50	.....	L. E. Thompson.
E. D. B. Porter.....		4	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	E. D. B. Porter.
E. P. Barnum.....		4	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	E. P. Barnum.
Grand Total.....					\$36 50	.....	

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF LODGES.

NAMES.	Number.	No. Days.	Per Diem.	Mileage.	Total.	Grand L. Dues.	To WHOM PAID.
C. N. Daniels.		9	\$27 00	\$5 70	\$32 70	.....	C. N. Daniels.
B. F. Wright.		2	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	B. F. Wright.
W. S. Combs.		2	.....	.....	24 00	.....	W. S. Combs.
Grand Total....					\$62 70	.....	

PAY ROLL GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

NAMES.	No. Days.	Per Diem.	Mileage.	Total.	To WHOM PAID.
M. W. C. W. Nash, G. M.	4	\$12 00		\$12 00	C. W. Nash.
R. W. C. Griswold, D. G. M.	4	12 00	\$13 50	25 50	C. Griswold.
R. W. E. D. B. Porter, S. G. W.	4	12 00		12 00	E. D. B. Porter.
R. W. J. W. Morford, J. G. W.	4	12 00	6 10	18 10	J. W. Morford.
R. W. G. L. Otis, G. T.	3	9 00		9 00	Geo. L. Otis.
R. W. W. S. Combs, G. S.	4	12 00		12 00	W. S. Combs.
W. G. W. Prescott, G. C.	4	12 00	11 00	23 00	Geo. W. Prescott.
W. S. J. Prentiss, S. G. D.	4	12 00	18 80	30 80	Sam. J. Prentiss.
W. R. H. Rose, G. M.	4	12 00		12 00	Robt. H. Rose.
W. W. J. Parsons, G. S.	4	12 00		12 00	W. J. Parsons.
W. Jas. G. Thompson, G. Jr. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rep. for []
W. A. Richardson, G. Tiler	4	12 00		12 00	A. Richardson.
W. Daniel D. Brown, G. S. B.	4	12 00	12 10	24 10	D. D. Brown.
W. Edgar Nash, G. S. B.	4	12 00	15 00	27 00	E. Nash.
M. W. A. E. Ames, P. G. M.	1	3 00	0 50	3 50	A. E. Ames.
M. W. A. T. C. Pierson, P. G. M.	4	12 00		12 00	A. T. C. Pierson.
R. W. A. Goodrich, P. D. G. M.	4	12 00		12 00	A. Goodrich.
R. W. D. B. Loomis, P. D. G. M.	4	12 00	2 00	14 00	D. B. Loomis.
R. W. L. E. Thompson, P. D. G. M.	4	12 00	0 50	12 50	L. E. Thompson.
R. W. R. A. Jones, P. D. G. M.	4	12 00		12 00	R. A. Jones.
R. W. G. B. Cooley, P. D. G. M.	4	12 00		12 00	G. B. Cooley.
R. W. S. E. Adams, P. G. S. W.	3	9 00	6 00	15 00	Sam. E. Adams.
R. W. R. Stewart, P. G. S. W.	4	12 00	13 50	25 50	Robert Stewart.
R. W. S. R. Merrell, P. G. S. W.	4	12 00	6 10	18 10	S. R. Merrell.
R. W. A. C. Smith, P. G. J. W.	4	12 00	8 50	20 50	A. C. Smith.
R. W. A. B. Curry, P. G. J. W.	4	12 00		12 00	A. B. Curry.
R. W. Fred. Joss, P. G. J. W.	4	12 00	4 50	16 50	F. Joss.
R. W. A. J. Phelps, P. G. J. W.	4	12 00	12 60	24 60	A. J. Phelps.
R. W. J. W. Morford, G. W., attending funeral of E. Case.	1	3 00	7 10	10 10	J. W. Morford.
W. Edgar Nash, G. S. B., attending funeral of E. Case.	1	3 00	15 00	18 00	Edgar Nash.
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	467 80	

SUMMARY OF PAY ROLLS.

Pay Roll	☐ Representatives.....	\$1,553 80
"	☐ Grand ☐ Officers.....	467 80
"	Committee on Appeals and Grievances.....	43 00
"	" Masonic Jurisprudence.....	36 50
"	" Returns of ☐	62 70
Total.....		\$2,168 80

A. J. W. THOMPSON, }
D. F. BROOKS, } Committee.
H. B. MORRISON. }

The Committee on Returns of ☐ presented the following report, which was read and adopted :

NAME OF LODGE.	Number.	Amount found due G. ☐ 1870.	Amount found due Subordinate ☐ 1870.	Amounts paid on findings, 70, and reported to G. ☐ .	Amount found due on Returns due G. ☐ 1871.	Amount found due Subordinate ☐ Returns 71.	Amount ☐ dues paid by Subordinate ☐ 1871.	Amt bal'd due G. ☐ on Returns 1870-71.	Amount bal'd due Subordinate ☐ 1871.
St. Johns.....	1	\$1 50			4 00		66 50	5 50	
Catawact.....	2						131 50		
St. Paul.....	3	4 00			1 50		102 50	2 00	
Hennepin.....	4	14 00		14 00			159 00		
Ancient Landmark	5	3 00					164 50		1 50
Dakota.....	6	12 50		12 50	1 00		49 00		
Red Ring.....	8	11 00			1 50		75 50		
Faribault.....	9	3 00		3 00			82 50		
Mantorville.....	11	0 50		0 50	2 50		26 00	2 50	
Mankato.....	12	5 00				1 00	85 00		1 00
Wapahaska.....	14	8 00		8 00			41 00		
Monticello.....	16	15 00					43 00		
Hokah.....	17	1 00		1 00			42 00		
Winona.....	18						93 50		
Minneapolis.....	19		5 00				114 00		
Caledonia.....	20		2 50				23 50		
Rochester.....	21		1 00				97 50		
Pleasant Grove.....	22	31 50					35 50	31 50*	
North Star.....	23	3 50					53 50		
Wilton.....	24	21 50					17 50		
Western Star.....	26		2 00				37 50		
Blue Earth Valley.	27		6 50				46 50		
Oscarwater.....	28	4 50			2 50		35 00	7 00	5 00
Morning Star.....	29				5 50		17 00	5 50	
Anoka.....	30		13 00				44 50		
King Hiram.....	31	48 00			5 00		19 50	53 00	
Sakatah.....	32		1 50			2 00	31 00	2 00	
Star in the East.	33	21 00		21 00	3 00		66 50		
Oriental.....	34		1 00				27 00		
Mount Moriah.....	35		1 50				46 50		
Preston.....	36		12 00				67 50		
Mystic Tie.....	37	5 00				0 50	38 00		0 50
Washington.....	38		6 00				38 00		
Fidelity.....	39		49 00				6 00		
Carnelian.....	40		3 00				62 00		
Hermon.....	41	0 50				1 50	34 00		
Hope.....	42				0 50		24 50		
Harmony.....	43		1 00				34 00		
King Solomon.....	44						41 50		
Union.....	45	1 50		1 50		2 00	41 50		
Evergreen.....	46		2 50				19 00		
Concord.....	47	2 50					22 00		
Social.....	48	1 50					43 00		
Rising Sun.....	49	11 00			2 00		53 50	13 00	
Watertown.....	50	0 50		0 50			42 00		
Asacia.....	51	17 00			2 00		36 00		
Cannon River.....	52	1 50			6 50		49 50		
Nicollet.....	54		15 00				18 50		
Zion.....	55	1 50				0 50	48 00		
Meridian.....	56						22 50		
Blue Earth City.....	57		4 50				52 00		
Spring Valley.....	58	0 50		0 50		1 50	52 00		
Temple.....	59	4 00		4 00		1 00	33 50		
Star in the West.	60	2 00					37 50		
Ashlar.....	61		2 00			3 50	37 00		
Star.....	62	4 00				3 50	59 00	3 00	
Illustrious.....	63	27 50		27 50		1 50	32 00		
Chain Lake.....	64	1 00		1 00			12 00		
Golden Rule.....	65	2 50		2 50			16 50		0 50
Madelia.....	66					0 50	28 00		
Corinthian.....	67		2 00				30 00		
Mystic Star.....	69	0 50		0 50			17 50	5 00	
Forest City.....	70	1 00		0 50†	4 50		16 50		
Paynesville.....	71		1 00				23 00		
Lansing.....	72	2 00					16 00		0 50
Brownsville.....	73	2 50		2 50		0 50	15 50		
Minneiska.....	74								

* Pleasant Grove, 22, includes only returns 1871, and not error reported by committee.

† Forest City, 1870, paid 50c., and reported by G. S. S., page 21, 1871.

RETURNS OF LODGES.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number.	Amount found due G. ☐ 1870.	Amount found due Subordinate ☐ 1870.	Amounts paid on findings, &c. and reported to G. ☐ .	Amount found due on Returns due G. ☐ 1871.	Amount found due Subordinate ☐ Returns 71.	Amount G. ☐ dues paid by Subordinate ☐ 1871.	Amt bal'ce due G. ☐ on Returns 1870-71.	Amount bal'ce due Subordinate ☐ 1871.
Eureka.....	75	8 50			0 50		34 00	0 50	
Joppa.....	76		9 00			0 50	33 50		
Tuscan.....	77		5 00			0 50	22 00		
Mystic Circle.....	78				4 00		9 50		
Palestine.....	79						79 00		
Henderson.....	80						26 50		
Constellation.....	81					0 50	16 00		0 50
Howard.....	82		3 00				16 50		
Hiram & Bi.....	83	1 00		1 00			38 00		
Orient*.....	84						32 00		
High Forest.....	85						16 50		
Tylian.....	86						26 00		
Doric.....	87						21 50		
Yellowstone, U. D.							54 00		
Golden Fleece							45 00		
Good Faith							9 00		
Antiquity							34 00		
Fraternal							30 00		
Unity							20 00		
Key Stone							10 00		
Sherburne							3 00		
Libanus							3 00	2 00	
Grand Total.....							\$3669 00	132 75	16 50

* Orient, 84, paid \$29 G. ☐ dues for 1870.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence offered the following verbal report on resolution amendments to Grand ☐ Constitution, proposed by Bros. Gibbs and A. C. Smith, referred to them:

Report verbally that it was unnecessary, in view of Bro. Grant, who intended to offer a resolution to form a new Constitution.

Bro. Grant offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The experiences of this and past sessions of the Grand ☐ have demonstrated the insufficiency of our present Constitution, by reason of its ambiguities and contradictions; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Master be empowered to appoint a special committee of five to prepare and submit to this Grand ☐, at its next Annual Communication, a new Constitution and Regulations, which regulations shall include a trial code for the government of Subordinate ☐, and of this Grand ☐.

Which was adopted.

M. W. C. W. Nash, G. M., appointed Bro. W. R. Edwards as Grand Marshal, who presented the following elect and appointed officers for installation:

M. W.: GROVE B. COOLEY, Mantorville,.....G. M.:

R. W.: CHAS. GRISWOLD, St. Charles,.....D. G. M.:

" J. N. CASTLE, Stillwater,.....G. S. W.:

" E. P. BARNUM, Sauk Centre.....G. J. W.:

" GEO. L. OTIS, St. Paul,.....G. T.:

" WILLIAM S. COMBS, St. Paul,.....G. S.:

M.: W.: BRO. G. W. PRESCOTT, St. Charles,.....	G.: C.:
BRO. L. Z. ROGERS, Waterville,.....	G.: M.:
" H. N. SMITH, Wabasha,.....	G.: Swd.: B.:
" ALEXANDER OLDHAM, Cottage Grove,...	G.: Std.: B.:
" DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, Red Wing,.....	G.: S.: D.:
" J. L. POWERS, Hastings,.....	G.: J.: D.:
" T. C. SHAPLEIGH, Monticello,.....	G.: P.:
" O. W. WALDO, Waseja,.....	S.: G.: S.:
" BRADLEY P. CHENEY, Zumbrota,	J.: G.: S.:
" A. RICHARDSON, St. Paul,.....	G.: T.:

On motion the M.: W.: the Grand ☐ was called from labor to refreshment until 2½ o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2½ O'CLOCK.

Grand ☐ resumed labor:

Bros. W. H. Hall, J. H. Thompson and A. D. Seward were excused from further attendance.

Bro. D. B. Loomis offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is instructed to correct the pay roll as to mileage in all cases where the representative to the Grand ☐ was in the city before the session in attendance upon any business where he draws mileage from any other source.

Adopted.

Bro. D. B. Loomis offered the following : that

Whereas, Bro. F. B. Van Hasen as reported a proxy for Constellation ☐, No 81,

And whereas, The Grand ☐ has no evidence of his appointment, and on all calls of the list of ☐ he has not answered thereto,

Therefore, the Grand Secretary is instructed to drop his name on the pay roll as the representative of said ☐.

Adopted.

Bro. Lounsberry offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on New Constitution.

Resolved, That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be and are hereby instructed to report for final action, at the next Annual Communication of this Grand ☐, an amendment to the Grand ☐ Regulations, providing that no representative from a ☐ from which an appeal has been taken to this Grand ☐, shall be permitted to vote on any question relating to such appeal, nor shall any member of this Grand ☐ who appears as counsel for appellant in such case, be permitted to vote on any question relating thereto.

Bro. W. G. Dye offered the following :

Resolved, That a member who is in arrears to his ☐ for the amount of one year's dues, may be stricken from the roll when the ☐ complies with the following rules :

1st. The delinquent member, if a resident of the State, and his address is known to the Secretary of the ☐, shall have one month's notice of the amount of his indebtedness and the time the ☐ will take action in his case.

2d. If the delinquent's residence or address is out of the State, he shall be entitled to two months notice.

3d. If the address of the delinquent is unknown and cannot be readily obtained, the ☐ may proceed in the same manner as if notice had been served.

4th. Every member residing within the jurisdiction of the ☐ shall be summoned to attend the communication appointed for the purpose of taking action to strike members from the roll for non-payment of dues.

5th. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present shall be necessary to strike from the roll.

6th. If the delinquent member makes payment of the amount of his indebtedness on or before the communication appointed to take action in his case, no further proceedings shall be taken.

7th. If the delinquent member makes a reasonable excuse for non-payment of dues, requesting leniency, the ☐ may postpone action or remit his dues by a majority vote.

8th. A member stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, is a non-affiliated Mason, and can be restored to membership only in the ☐ that struck his name from the roll, and then upon payment of the amount of his indebtedness at the time he was stricken from the roll, presentation of a petition to be restored and a unanimous vote as in the case of admission of new members.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand ☐ that these regulations do not conflict with the spirit or intent of Section 37 of Title 5 of the Constitution of this Grand ☐.

Referred to Committee on By-Laws.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Grant, all members of the Grand ☐ who wished to return home, were excused from further attendance.

Bro. A. Goodrich was invited to continue the reading of his report on that part of the Grand Master's address referred to his committee, after which Bro. A. T. C. Pierson moved to refer the report to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which motion was lost.

On motion, Bro. Goodrich had leave to withdraw his report.

Bro. Gibbs offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That reimbursement for mileage and expenses be allowed to the Grand Master while making his annual visitations to Subordinate ☐, and to the Deputy Grand Master when acting in his stead, payable as follows : The mileage by the Grand Treasurer, and local expenses by the Subordinate ☐, or equally by the ☐ in towns where there are more than one, in proportion to the number of members.

Bro. Gibbs offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Past Grand Master C. W. Nash be authorized to draw on the G. T. for all expenses incurred by him in his official capacity as G. M. :

Bro. F. Joss offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the M. W. G. M. be authorized to draw on the G. T., as compensation to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for such sum as he may deem proper.

Bro. W. H. Grant offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Secretary be fixed at the sum of five hundred dollars for the ensuing year, which shall be in full for all services and clerk hire.

Bro. W. H. Grant offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated to Bro. A. Richardson, Grand Tyler, for his services in tiling this Grand ☐.

Bro. F. Joss offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to Bro. Prescott for his services as Chaplain.

Bro. W. H. Grant presented the Grand ☐ the old and first charter granted by this Grand ☐ to St. Paul ☐, No. 3 ; the same was accepted.

On motion, A. T. C. Pierson was directed to continue his history of Masonry in Minnesota.

Bro. W. H. Grant offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this M. W. Grand ☐ are hereby most cordially tendered to Past Deputy G. M. Aaron Goodrich for his most erudite, exhaustive report on the matters entrusted to the committee of which he is chairman.

Call of ☐ demanded by Bro. Stewart, which resulted as follows :

61 voting aye ; 21 voting no. So the resolution was adopted.

No further business appearing, the M. W. the Grand ☐ of Minnesota was closed in ample form.

G. B. COOLEY,

Attest :

G. M.

William J. Conbs
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

IN MEMORIAM.

R. W. BRO. EMANUEL CASE,

P. G. Treasurer Grand Lodge of Minnesota,

Died at Minneapolis, Minn., August 4th, 1871,

AGED 75 YEARS.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

IN MEMORIAM.

M.: W.: THOMAS BROWN,

P.: G.: M.: OF FLORIDA,

AND THE

**G.: R.: of the G.: L.: of Minnesota near the G.: L.:
of Florida.**

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

IN MEMORIAM.

M.: W.: GILES M. HILLYER,

P.: G.: M.: OF MISSISSIPPI,

AND THE

**G.: R.: of the G.: L.: of Minnesota near the G.: L.:
of Mississippi.**

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

IN MEMORIAM.

M. W. T. J. H. ANDERSON,

G. M. OF TEXAS.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

IN MEMORIAM.

M.: W.: BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH,

P.: G.: M.: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

AND

**G.: R.: of the G.: L.: of Minnesota near the G.: L.:
of the District of Columbia.**

APPENDIX NO. I.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND ☐ OF MINNESOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND ☐.

ALABAMA.....	M. W. J. McCALEB WILLY.....	<i>Troy.</i>
ARKANSAS.....	M. W. L. E. BARBER.....	<i>Little Rock.</i>
CANADA.....	M. W. A. A. STEVENSON.....	<i>Montreal.</i>
CALIFORNIA.....	M. W. ALEX. G. ABELL.....	<i>San Francisco.</i>
COLORADO.....	M. W. HENRY M. TELLER.....	<i>Central City</i>
CONNECTICUT.....	M. W. NATHAN DICKINSON.....	<i>Waterbury.</i>
DELAWARE.....	M. W. G. W. CHAYTOR, M. D.....	<i>Wilmington.</i>
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	M. W. CHAS. F. STANSBURY.....	<i>Washington.</i>
FLORIDA.....	M. W. THOMAS BROWN.....	<i>Tallahassee.</i>
GEORGIA.....	M. W. THOS. W. CHANDLER.....	<i>Atlanta.</i>
IDAHO.....	M. W. GEO. H. COE.....	<i>Idaho City.</i>
ILLINOIS.....	M. W. WM. LAVLY.....	<i>Springfield.</i>
INDIANA.....	M. W. WM. HACKER.....	<i>Indianapolis.</i>
IOWA.....	M. W. T. S. PARVIN.....	<i>Iowa City.</i>
KANSAS.....	M. W. M. S. ADAMS.....	<i>Leavenworth.</i>
KENTUCKY.....	M. W. ELISHA S. FITCH.....	<i>Flemingsburg.</i>
LOUISIANA.....	M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS.....	<i>New Orleans.</i>
MAINE.....	M. W. JAMES C. STEVENS.....	<i>Bangor.</i>
MARYLAND.....	REV. J. N. McJILTON.....	<i>Baltimore.</i>
MICHIGAN.....	M. W. S. C. COFFINBURY.....	<i>Constantine.</i>
MISSISSIPPI.....	M. W. GEORGE R. FEAM.....	<i>Natchez.</i>
MISSOURI.....	M. W. SAM'L H. SAUNDERS.....	<i>Ottumville.</i>
MONTANA.....	M. W. N. P. LANGFORD.....	<i>Helena.</i>
NEBRASKA.....	M. W. J. C. JORDAN.....	<i>Omaha.</i>
NEVADA.....	M. W. GEO. W. HOPKINS.....	<i>Virginia City.</i>
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	M. W. B. LESTER PETERS.....	<i>St. John's.</i>
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	M. W. G. H. HUBBARD.....	<i>Manchester.</i>
NEW JERSEY.....	M. W. WM. S. WHITEHEAD.....	<i>Newark.</i>
NEW YORK.....	R. W. ELWOOD E. THORNE.....	<i>New York.</i>
NORTH CAROLINA.....	M. W. ROBERT B. VANCE.....	<i>Ashville.</i>
NOVA SCOTIA.....	M. W. ALEX. KEITH.....	<i>Halifax.</i>
OHIO.....	M. W. WM. B. THRALL.....	<i>Columbus.</i>
OREGON.....	M. W. O. S. SAVAGE.....	<i>Dalles City.</i>
PENNSYLVANIA.....	M. W. RICHARD VAUX.....	<i>Philadelphia.</i>
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	M. W. A. G. MACKEY.....	<i>Charleston.</i>
TENNESSEE.....	M. W. JONATHAN S. DAWSON.....	<i>Paris.</i>
TEXAS.....	M. W. PHILIP C. TUCKER.....	<i>Galveston.</i>
VERMONT.....	M. W. WM. G. SHAW.....	<i>Burlington.</i>
VIRGINIA.....	M. W. WM. TERRY.....	<i>Wytheville.</i>
WASHINGTON.....	M. W. BENJ. E. LOMBARD.....	<i>Port Madison.</i>
WISCONSIN.....	M. W. HENRY L. PALMER.....	<i>Milwaukee.</i>
WEST VIRGINIA.....	M. W. WM. J. BATES.....	<i>Wheeling.</i>
WEST INDIES.....	M. W. THOS. BOTADILLA.....	<i>St. Domingo.</i>

APPENDIX NO. II.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND NEAR THE GRAND OF MINNESOTA.

ALABAMA,	R. W. R. A. JONES	<i>Rochester.</i>
ARKANSAS,	R. W. W. S. COMBS	<i>St. Paul.</i>
CALIFORNIA,	M. W. G. W. PRESCOTT	"
CANADA,	R. W. A. W. BANGS	<i>Le Sueur.</i>
CONNECTICUT,	R. W. L. E. THOMPSON	<i>St. Paul.</i>
CUBA,	M. W. A. T. C. PIERSON	"
DELAWARE,	R. W. H. A. BILLINGS	<i>Preston.</i>
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,	M. W. C. W. NASH	<i>St. Paul.</i>
ENGLAND,	M. W. C. W. NASH	"
FLORIDA,	W. E. P. BARNUM	<i>Sauk Centre.</i>
GEORGIA,	M. W. A. T. C. PIERSON	<i>St. Paul.</i>
ILLINOIS,	M. W. A. T. C. PIERSON	"
INDIANA,	R. W. W. S. COMBS	"
IOWA,	M. W. C. W. NASH	"
KANSAS,	M. W. G. W. PRESCOTT	"
KENTUCKY,	R. W. W. S. COMBS	"
LOUISIANA,	M. W. C. W. NASH	"
MAINE,	M. W. G. W. PRESCOTT	"
MICHIGAN,	M. W. C. W. NASH	"
MISSISSIPPI,	R. W. J. P. POND	"
MISSOURI,	M. W. C. W. NASH	"
MONTANA,	R. W. H. L. CARVER	"
NEBRASKA,	R. W. J. E. FINCH	<i>Hastings.</i>
NEVADA,	R. W. H. L. CARVER	<i>St. Paul.</i>
NEW BRUNSWICK,	R. W. J. N. CASTLE	<i>Stillwater.</i>
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	R. W. O. T. HAYS	<i>Hastings.</i>
NEW JERSEY,	R. W. W. S. COMBS	<i>St. Paul.</i>
NEW YORK,	W. W. J. PARSONS	"
OHIO,	M. W. B. F. SMITH	<i>Mankato.</i>
OREGON,	R. W. W. S. COMBS	<i>St. Paul.</i>
SOUTH CAROLINA,	M. W. G. W. PRESCOTT	"
ST. DOMINGO,	M. W. A. T. C. PIERSON	"
TENNESSEE,	M. W. A. T. C. PIERSON	"
VERMONT,	R. W. S. E. ADAMS	<i>Monticello.</i>
WASHINGTON,	R. W. E. B. ALLEN	<i>Hastings.</i>
WISCONSIN,	R. W. C. W. THOMPSON	<i>Wells.</i>
WEST INDIES,	M. W. A. T. C. PIERSON	<i>St. Paul.</i>
NORTH CAROLINA,	R. W. W. S. COMBS	"
MARYLAND,	R. W. H. L. CARVER	"
TEXAS,	R. W. A. C. SMITH	<i>Forest City.</i>
WEST VIRGINIA,	R. W. S. R. MERRELL	<i>Lake City.</i>

APPENDIX NO. III.

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ☐ OF MINNESOTA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1853,
TO THE PRESENT TIME.

YEAR.	GRAND MASTERS.	No. Lodge.	DEPUTY G.: M.:.	No. Lodge.	SENIOR G.: W.:.	No. Lodge.	JUNIOR G.: W.:.	No. Lodge.	G.: TREASURER.	No. Lodge.	G.: SECRETARY.	No. Lodge.
1853.....	A. E. Ames.....	2	Goodrich.....	3	D. F. Brawley.....	3	A. Van Vorhes.....	1	E. Case.....	2	J. G. Lennon.....	2
1854.....	A. E. Ames.....	2	D. F. Brawley.....	3	A. Van Vorhes.....	3	A. T. C. Pierson.....	1	E. Case.....	2	H. Reynolds.....	4
1855.....	M. Sherburne.....	5	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	C. T. Stearns.....	5	A. Van Vorhes.....	1	E. Case.....	4	H. Reynolds.....	4
1856.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	H. N. Setzer.....	5	Thomas Lombard.....	6	E. A. Hodsdon.....	4	E. Case.....	4	H. Reynolds.....	4
1857.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	William H. Mower.....	1	E. A. Hodsdon.....	4	William Lee.....	7	E. Case.....	4	Geo. W. Prescott.....	4
1858.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	Frank Mantor.....	11	A. C. Smith.....	9	E. Case.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	19
Oct.—1858.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	Frank Mantor.....	11	Samuel E. Adams.....	16	E. Case.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	19
Oct.—1859.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	Samuel E. Adams.....	16	J. C. Whipple.....	9	E. Case.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	19
Oct.—1860.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	J. C. Whipple.....	9	C. W. Thompson.....	17	E. Case.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	19
1861.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	J. C. Whipple.....	9	L. E. Thompson.....	1	George Bradley.....	31	E. Case.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	19
*1863.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	L. E. Thompson.....	1	C. H. Lindsley.....	21	W. T. Riehy.....	23	E. Case.....	19	A. T. C. Pierson.....	19
1864.....	Geo. W. Prescott.....	5	L. E. Thompson.....	1	E. C. Wells.....	31	A. B. Curry.....	23	George L. Otis.....	34	A. T. C. Pierson.....	34
1865.....	Geo. W. Prescott.....	5	P. P. Hubbell.....	18	G. B. Cooley.....	11	A. J. Phelps.....	34	George L. Otis.....	34	Wm. S. Combs.....	34
1866.....	Charles W. Nash.....	35	W. T. Riehy.....	28	Robert Stewart.....	49	S. R. Merrill.....	40	George L. Otis.....	49	Wm. S. Combs.....	49
1867.....	Charles W. Nash.....	35	R. A. Jones.....	21	S. R. Merrill.....	40	S. Y. Hyde.....	40	George L. Otis.....	49	Wm. S. Combs.....	49
*1869.....	Charles W. Nash.....	35	R. A. Jones.....	21	S. R. Merrill.....	40	S. Y. Hyde.....	40	George L. Otis.....	49	Wm. S. Combs.....	49
1870.....	Charles W. Nash.....	35	G. B. Cooley.....	11	S. Y. Hyde.....	49	Fred. Jess.....	49	George L. Otis.....	33	Wm. S. Combs.....	33
1871.....	Charles W. Nash.....	35	G. B. Cooley.....	11	E. D. Porter.....	12	J. W. Morford.....	12	George L. Otis.....	60	Wm. S. Combs.....	60
1872.....	Charles W. Nash.....	35	C. Griswold.....	49	J. N. Castle.....	60	E. P. Barnum.....	60	George L. Otis.....	60	Wm. S. Combs.....	60

* No Sessions of the Grand ☐ in 1862 or '68.

APPENDIX NO. IV.

LIST OF UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND OF MINNESOTA.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.		DATE OF DISPENSA- TION.		DATE OF CHARTER.		REMARKS.	NAME OF GRAND MASTER.
		Town.	County.	Month.	Day Year.	Month.	Day Year.		
1	St. John's.....	Stillwater.....	Washington.....	October.....	12 1880	June.....	9 1852	Wisconsin*	.....
2	Catact.....	St. Anthony.....	Hennepin.....	August.....	4 1882	October.....	5 1852	Illinois*	.....
3	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	June.....	21 1849	January.....	24 1853	Ohio*	A. E. Ames, M. D.
4	Hennepin.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	Ch'd dir'o	4 1853	January.....	2 1854	do	do
5	Ancient Landmark.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	Nov.....	4 1854	January.....	2 1855	Suspended.	do
6	Shakopee.....	Hastings.....	Dakota.....	June.....	3 1855	January.....	2 1855	do	do
7	Dakotah.....	Red Wing.....	Goodhue.....	Sept.....	3 1855	January.....	9 1856	Suspended.	Moses Sherburne.
8	Red Wing.....	Faribault.....	Ramsey.....	March.....	3 1856	January.....	9 1856	do	do
9	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	Goodhue.....	July.....	14 1856	January.....	6 1857	Charter Surrendered.	A. T. C. Pierson.
10	Pacific.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	July.....	4 1856	January.....	6 1857	do	do
11	Mantorville.....	Mantorville.....	Dodge.....	March.....	10 1856	January.....	6 1857	do	do
12	Mankato.....	Mankato.....	Blue Earth.....	October.....	22 1856	January.....	6 1857	Suspended.	do
13	Henderson.....	Henderson.....	Spink.....	October.....	22 1856	January.....	6 1857	do	do
14	Wapahosa.....	Wabasha.....	Wabasha.....	Nov.....	22 1856	January.....	6 1857	Suspended.	do
15	St. Cloud.....	St. Cloud.....	Stearns.....	Nov.....	22 1856	January.....	6 1857	do	do
16	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	Wright.....	October.....	22 1856	January.....	7 1857	do	do
17	Hokah.....	Hokah.....	Houston.....	February.....	22 1856	January.....	7 1857	do	do
18	Winona.....	Winona.....	Winona.....	May.....	1 1856	January.....	7 1857	do	do
19	Minneapolis.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	Ch'd dir'o	15 1857	January.....	8 1858	do	do
20	Caledonia.....	Caledonia.....	Houston.....	Sept.....	15 1857	January.....	8 1858	do	do
21	Rochester.....	Rochester.....	Olmsted.....	July.....	4 1857	January.....	8 1858	do	do
22	Pleasant Grove.....	Pleasant Grove.....	Olmsted.....	Nov.....	29 1857	January.....	8 1858	do	do
23	North Star.....	St. Cloud.....	Stearns.....	February.....	29 1857	January.....	8 1858	do	do
24	Wilton.....	Wilton.....	Winona.....	February.....	27 1857	January.....	8 1858	do	do
25	Meridian.....	Chatfield.....	Fillmore.....	January.....	27 1857	October.....	27 1858	Suspended.	do
26	Western Star.....	Albert Lea.....	Bellevue.....	October.....	1 1857	October.....	27 1858	do	do
27	Blue Earth Valley.....	Winnabago City.....	Blue Earth.....	August.....	1 1858	October.....	27 1858	do	do
28	Clear Water.....	Clear Water.....	Wright.....	October.....	4 1858	October.....	27 1858	do	do
29	Morning Star.....	La Crescent.....	Houston.....	Nov.....	15 1858	October.....	26 1859	do	do
30	Anoka.....	Anoka.....	Anoka.....	October.....	18 1859	October.....	26 1859	do	do
31	King Hram.....	Belle Plaine.....	Scott.....	March.....	2 1859	October.....	25 1860	do	do
32	Sakatah.....	Waterville.....	Le Sueur.....	June.....	29 1859	October.....	25 1860	do	do

33	Star in the East.....	Owatonna.....	Steele.....	Nov.....	20	1856	October...	25	1860	do
34	Oriental.....	Cannon Falls.....	Goodhue.....	June.....	15	1860	October...	25	1860	do
35	Mt. Moriah.....	Hastings.....	Dakotah.....	July.....	4	1860	October...	25	1860	do
36	Preston.....	Pine Island.....	Fillmore.....	February.....	1861	1861	October...	23	1861	do
37	Mystic Tie.....	Washburn.....	Goodhue.....	July.....	4	1861	October...	23	1861	do
38	Fidelity.....	Austin.....	Dodge.....	July.....	22	1861	October...	23	1861	do
39	Carmelian.....	Lake City.....	Mower.....	Nov.....	22	1861	October...	23	1861	do
40	Harmon.....	Zumbrota.....	Wabashaw.....	Decemb'r.....	18	1862	October...	28	1863	do
41	Hope.....	Glencoe.....	Goodhue.....	October.....	26	1862	October...	28	1863	do
42	Harmony.....	Winona.....	Kandiyohi.....	March.....	4	1862	October...	28	1863	do
43	King Solomon.....	Lewiston.....	Winona.....	May.....	14	1863	October...	28	1863	do
44	Union.....	Shakopee.....	Scott.....	July.....	10	1863	October...	28	1863	do
45	Evergreen.....	Le Sueur.....	Le Sueur.....	April.....	16	1863	October...	26	1864	do
46	Concord.....	Saratoga.....	Winona.....	Decemb'r.....	23	1863	October...	26	1864	do
47	Social.....	Cleveland.....	Le Sueur.....	June.....	24	1861	October...	26	1864	do
48	Rising Sun.....	Northfield.....	Rice.....	April.....	12	1864	October...	26	1864	do
49	Watertown.....	St. Charles.....	Winona.....	February.....	15	1864	October...	26	1864	do
50	Acacia.....	Watertown.....	Washington.....	January.....	5	1865	October...	25	1865	do
51	Cannon River.....	Cottage Grove.....	Washington.....	March.....	23	1865	October...	25	1865	do
52	Faribault.....	Morristown.....	Rice.....	Decemb'r.....	24	1865	October...	25	1865	do
53	Nicollet.....	Faribault.....	Rice.....	January.....	23	1865	October...	25	1865	do
54	Zion.....	St. Peter.....	Nicollet.....	April.....	7	1865	October...	24	1865	do
55	Meridian.....	Taylor's Falls.....	Chicago.....	April.....	19	1865	October...	24	1866	do
56	Blue Earth City.....	Chaffield.....	Fillmore.....	Nov.....	19	1866	October...	24	1867	do
57	Spring Valley.....	Blue Earth City.....	Fillmore.....	Nov.....	19	1866	October...	24	1867	do
58	Temple.....	Hutchinson.....	Fillmore.....	Nov.....	21	1866	October...	24	1867	do
59	Star in the West.....	Sank Centre.....	McLeod.....	Nov.....	19	1866	October...	24	1867	do
60	Ashlar.....	Eyota.....	Stearns.....	Nov.....	23	1866	October...	24	1867	do
61	Star.....	Rockford.....	Fillmore.....	Nov.....	23	1866	October...	24	1867	do
62	Illustrations.....	Plainview.....	Wright.....	Decemb'r.....	5	1866	October...	24	1867	do
63	Chain Lake.....	Lakeland.....	Wabashaw.....	Decemb'r.....	23	1866	October...	24	1867	do
64	Golden Rule.....	Farmount.....	Martin.....	January.....	29	1867	October...	24	1867	do
65	Madelia.....	Lakeland.....	Washington.....	February.....	11	1867	October...	24	1867	do
66	Corinthian.....	Madelia.....	Watsonwan.....	February.....	14	1867	October...	24	1867	do
67	Northern Light.....	Farmington.....	Dacotah.....	June.....	10	1867	October...	24	1868	do
68	Mystic Star.....	Fort Garry.....	British Possessions.....	Sept.....	15	1867	October...	24	1868	do
69	Forest City.....	Rushford.....	Fillmore.....	April.....	11	1867	October...	13	1869	do
70	Paynesville.....	Forest City.....	Meeker.....	June.....	11	1867	October...	13	1869	do
71	Lansing.....	Paynesville.....	Stearns.....	March.....	16	1868	October...	13	1869	do
72	Brownsville.....	Lansing.....	Mower.....	April.....	7	1868	October...	13	1869	do
73	Minneapolis.....	Brownsville.....	Houston.....	Nov.....	19	1868	October...	13	1869	do
74	Eureka.....	Minneapolis.....	Wabashaw.....	April.....	23	1868	October...	13	1869	do
75	Star in the East.....	Le Roy.....	Mower.....	July.....	23	1868	October...	13	1869	do

G. W. Prescott
Chartered No. restored
to No. 9 in 1869.
Chas. W. Nash

Charter revoked 1870.

* St. John's, Cataract and St. Paul Lodges, formed the Grand Lodge in February, 1853. In January, 1856, St. Paul Lodge surrendered its charter, and a charter was granted to a new Lodge, giving it the same name and number.

APPENDIX NO. IV.—CONTINUED.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.		DATE OF DISPENSATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.		REMARKS.	NAME OF GRAND MASTER.
		Town.	County.	Month.	Day Year.	Month.	Day Year.		
76	Joppa.....	Garden City.....	Blue Earth.....	July.....	23 1868	January.....	13 1869		Chas. W. Nash.
77	Tuscar.....	Waseca.....	Waseca.....	December.....	9 1868	.....	13 1869		do
78	Maple Circle.....	Houston.....	Houston.....	October.....	23 1868	.....	13 1869		do
79	Palatine.....	Dunth.....	St. Louis.....	January.....	29 1869	.....	14 1870		do
80	Henderson.....	Henderson.....	St. Louis.....	February.....	22 1869	.....	14 1870		do
81	Constellation.....	Alexandria.....	Douglas.....	February.....	25 1869	.....	14 1870		do
82	Howard.....	Howard Lake.....	Wright.....	August.....	25 1869	.....	14 1870		do
83	Hiram & B.....	Kasson.....	Dodge.....	.....	.....	.....	14 1870		do
84	Orient.....	Koney Creek.....	Houston.....	December.....	9 1869	.....	12 1871		do
85	High Forest.....	High Forest.....	Olmsd.....	January.....	14 1870	.....	12 1871		do
86	Tyrion.....	Wazeppe.....	Wabashaw.....	January.....	15 1870	.....	12 1871		do
87	Dorio.....	Wells.....	Faribault.....	May.....	16 1870	.....	12 1871		do
88	Yellow Pine.....	Fort Buford.....	Dakota Territory.....	January.....	26 1871	.....	10 1872		do
89	Golden Piece.....	Richfield.....	Meeker.....	March.....	23 1871	.....	10 1872		do
90	Good Faith.....	Jackson.....	Jackson.....	March.....	23 1871	.....	30 1872		do
91	Antiquity.....	Redwood Falls.....	Redwood.....	March.....	24 1871	.....	10 1872		do
92	Fraternal.....	Princeton.....	Millie Lac.....	April.....	25 1871	.....	10 1872		do
93	Unity.....	Sank Rapids.....	Benton.....	.....	3 1871	.....	10 1872		do
94	Key Stone.....	Ranken.....	Brown.....	July.....	29 1871	.....	10 1872		do
95	Sherburne.....	Elk River.....	Sherburne.....	December.....	12 1871		10 1872		do

TABULAR STATEMENT

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Of the work of the several Subordinate ☒ to the M. W. the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, for the year ending January 1st, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872, showing the entire membership of the jurisdiction.

Number.	NAMES OF LODGES.	Initiations.	Fellow Craft.	Master Masons.	Reinstated.	Joined.	Limited.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Present Members.
1	St. John's.....	8	8	9	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
2	Cataract.....	15	15	15	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	190
3	St. Paul.....	16	15	15	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	124
4	Hennepin.....	13	14	13	1	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	257
5	Ancient Landmark.....	15	15	13	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	251
6	Dakota.....	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77
7	Red Wing.....	1	1	4	.....	5	.....	7	.....	.....	129
8	Faribault.....	10	15	14	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	102
9	Mantorville.....	2	6	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52
10	Wankato.....	2	6	9	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	125
11	Wapahosa.....	2	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	74
12	Monticello.....	1	5	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68
13	Hokah.....	7	5	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	66
14	Winona.....	6	6	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	167
15	Minneapolis.....	17	17	18	.....	11	.....	1	.....	5	158
16	Oaledonia.....	2	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
17	Rochester.....	6	5	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	172
18	Pleasant Grove.....	3	3	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
19	North Star.....	1	2	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	2	94
20	Wilton.....	7	3	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
21	Western Star.....	9	8	7	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
22	Blue Earth Valley.....	10	10	10	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	48
23	Clearwater.....	6	6	6	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	38
24	Morning Star.....	2	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	93
25	Anoka.....	1	4	6	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	34
26	King Hiram.....	1	1	5	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	43
27	Sukutah.....	4	4	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	101
28	Star in the East.....	6	6	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	51
29	Oriental.....	5	5	5	.....	3	.....	.....	4	.....	69
30	Mount Moriah.....	5	5	5	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	94
31	Preston.....	15	13	11	.....	2	.....	5	1	1	51
32	Mystic Tie.....	3	3	5	.....	17	.....	7	.....	.....	39
33	Washington.....	9	12	10	.....	2	.....	4	.....	.....	87
34	Fidelity.....	5	5	3	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	77
35	Carnelian.....	14	9	7	.....	2	.....	6	.....	.....	41
36	Harmon.....	7	5	5	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	47
37	Hope.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47
38	Harmony.....	.....	5	5	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	2	65
39	King Solomon.....	5	4	4	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	55
40	Union.....	7	5	4	.....	2	.....	4	.....	.....	38
41	Ivorygreen.....	1	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
42	Concord.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	79
43	Social.....	2	2	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	93
44	Rising Sun.....	.....	.....	5	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	1	68
45	Watertown.....	3	1	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	43
46	Acacia.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56
47	Cannon River.....	3	3	3	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	65
48	Nicollet.....	15	11	12	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	29
49	Zion.....	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	77
50	Meridian.....	2	1	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	37
51	Blue Earth City.....	5	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
52	Spring Valley.....	12	14	12	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
53	Temple.....	3	3	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
54	Star in the West.....	3	3	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	45
55	Ashlar.....	3	3	2	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	67
56	Star.....	3	3	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	29
57	Illustrious.....	9	11	11	.....	7	.....	2	.....	.....	26
58	Chasin Lake.....	5	8	9	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
59	Golden Rule.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
60	Madelia.....	3	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	48
61	Corinthian.....	3	3	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	31
62	Mystic Star.....	5	5	7	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	28
63	Forest City.....	4	3	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
64	Paynesville.....	4	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
65	Lansing.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
66	Brownsville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	22
67	Minneapolis.....	1	1	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	43
68	Eureka.....	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	41
69	Joppa.....	9	8	8	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
70	Puecan.....	5	6	5	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
71	Mystic Circle.....	2	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
72	Palestine.....	20	20	20	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Number.	NAMES OF LODGES.	Initiations.	Fellow Craft.	Master Masons.	Reinstated.	Joined.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Present Members.
80	Henderson.....	6	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
81	Constellation..	1	2	2	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	25
82	Howard.....	3	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
83	Huram a Bi.....	7	6	7	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	45
84	Orient.....	5	5	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
85	High Forest.....	2	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
86	Tyrian.....	7	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
87	Doric.....	9	4	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
88	Yellow Stone.....	18	18	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
89	Golden Fleece.....	15	15	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
90	Good Faith.....	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
91	Antiquity.....	17	8	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
92	Fraternal.....	14	9	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
93	Unity.....	6	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
94	Keystone.....	4	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
95	Sherburne.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
U. D.	Libanus.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Grand Total.....		523	507	490	8	145	206	34	8	47	5218

RECAPITULATION.

E. A.	523
F. C.	507
M. M.	490
Reinstated.....	8
Joined.....	145
Dimitted.....	206
Suspended.....	34
Expelled.....	8
Died.....	47
Total M. M. Enrolled.....	5218

SUMMARY OF GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

Receipts, as per page 47.....	\$3,678 50
“ for Charters, 8 [B], from No. 88 to No. 95, @ \$20.....	160 00
	<u>\$3,838 50</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Appropriations, page 33 Proceedings 1870, omitted.....	\$7 50
“ “ pages 27, 30, 33, 44, 46, 47, 48, 52, and 53.....	3,126 90
“ “ Rent G. S. Secretary's office.....	250 00
“ “ Minneapolis [C], No. 19 (E. Case's funeral).....	38 50
“ “ C. N. Daniels, on G. S. [C] Register.....	92 72
Paid C. W. Nash, P. G. S. M. S., on account.....	200 00
	<u>3,715 62</u>
Balance on hand.....	<u>\$122 88</u>

SUBORDINATE LODGES,

THE OFFICERS THEREOF,

AND TIMES OF MEETING.

St. John's □, No. 1, Stillwater.

First and Third Mondays of each month.

E. A. FULSOM, W. M.

J. B. H. MITCHELL, S. W.

HUGH HALL, J. W.

LEONARD CLARK, Sec'y.

Cataract □, No. 2, St. Anthony.

First Saturday of each month.

SOLON ARMSTRONG, W. M.

FRED. L. SMITH, S. W.

T. G. FORSTER, J. W.

CHARLES F. SMITH, Sec'y.

St. Paul □, No. 3, St. Paul.

First and Third Fridays of each month.

JOHN C. MUNROE, W. M.

W. C. ASHTON, S. W.

H. A. L. WEDELSTAEDT, J. W.

F. H. SMITH, Sec'y.

Hennepin □, No. 4, Minneapolis.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month.

HENRY BARNARD, W. M.

A. A. AMES, S. W.

HENRY GILLAM, J. W.

HENRY TANNATT, Sec'y.

Ancient Landmark □, No. 5, St. Paul.

Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month.

B. F. WRIGHT, W. M.

JULIAN H. GATES, S. W.

HARRY BURNINGHAM, J. W.

E. M. STOWER, Sec'y.

Dakota □, No. 7, Hastings.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month.

C. O. BALL, W. M.

A. J. W. THOMPSON, S. W.

SAMUEL LANPHAR, J. W.

E. S. FITCH, Sec'y.

Red Wing □, No. 8, *Red Wing*.

First Monday Evening of each month.

FRED JOSS, W.: M.:

L. R. WELLMAN, S.: W.:

L. A. HANCOCK, J.: W.:

ANDREW ALLEN, Sec'y.

Faribault □, No. 9, *Faribault*.

Second and Fourth Mondays in each month.

JOHN R. PARSHALL, W.: M.:

O. F. PERKINS, S.: W.:

W. H. BIRDSSELL, J.: W.:

C. D. BRYAN KOPS, Sec'y.

Mantorville □, No. 11, *Mantorville*.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month.

G. B. COOLEY, W.: M.:

B. F. JENNESS, S.: W.:

GEO. ZELLAR, J.: W.:

CHAS. S. BRUCE, Sec'y.

Mankato □, No. 12, *Mankato*.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month.

C. A. CHAPMAN, W.: M.:

A. D. SEWARD, S.: W.:

S. F. BARNEY, J.: W.:

H. McMURTRIE, Sec'y.

Wapahasa □, No. 14, *Wabasha*.

First and Third Mondays in each month.

H. N. SMITH, W.: M.:

BRADFORD ALMY, S.: W.:

R. E. STEARNS, J.: W.:

FRANCIS TALBOT, Sec'y.

Monticello □, No. 16, *Monticello*.

First and Third Saturdays in each month.

THOS. C. SHAPLEIGH, W.: M.:

THOS. McLEOD, S.: W.:

HENRY W. FULLER, J.: W.:

SAMUEL E. ADAMS, Sec'y.

Hokah □, No. 17, *Hokah*.

First and Third Tuesdays in each month.

LEVI T. LYONS, W.: M.:

JACOB F. FLEISHER, S.: W.:

DAVID HOUSE, J.: W.:

SAMUEL J. PRENTISS, Sec'y.

Winona □, No. 18, *Winona*.

First and Third Tuesdays in each month.

ISAAC B. CUMMINGS, W.: M.:

W. H. STEVENS, S.: W.:

O. B. GOULD, J.: W.:

WALTER G. DYE, Sec'y.

Minneapolis □, No. 19, *Minneapolis*.

First and Third Wednesdays of each Month.

JOHN H. NOBLE, W.: M.:

J. N. FOX, S.: W.:

J. FURNESS, J.: W.:

E. W. STORER, Sec'y.

Caledonia □, No. 20, *Caledonia*.

Friday Evening, on or before full moon of each month.

W. H. HARRIS, W.: M.:

C. A. COE, S.: W.:

M. M. WOODEN, J.: W.:

J. J. BELDEN, Sec'y.

Rochester ☐, No. 21, *Rochester.*

Second and Fourth Mondays of each month.

WM. BROWN, W.: M.:

CHAS. SHANDREW, S.: W.:

T. P. KELLOGG, J.: W.:

CHARLES RUST, Sec'y.

Pleasant Grove ☐, No. 22, *Pleasant Grove.*

First and Third Tuesdays of each month.

O. H. PAGE, W.: M.:

ARTHUR J. RUSSELL, S.: W.:

NATHANIEL H. BURLY, J.: W.:

SILAS AVERY, Sec'y.

North Star ☐, No. 23, *St. Cloud.*

Second and Fourth Mondays in each month.

J. E. WING, W.: M.:

JAS. BIGGERSTAFF, S.: W.:

E. V. CAMPBELL, J.: W.:

A. W. BUSH, Sec'y.

Wilton ☐, No. 24, *Wilton.*

First and Third Thursdays in each month.

GEORGE H. WOODBURY, W.: M.:

R. F. STEVENS, S.: W.:

NOAH LINCOLN, J.: W.:

J. A. CANFIELD, Sec'y.

Western Star ☐, No. 26, *Albert Lea.*

Second and Fourth Wednesdays in each month.

H. D. BROWN, W.: M.:

FRANK B. FOBES, S.: W.:

RUBIN WILLIAMS, J.: W.:

R. B. SKINNER, Sec'y.

Blue Earth Valley ☐, No. 27, *Winnebago City.*

Tuesday on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

ANDREW C. DUNN, W.: M.:

T. L. RICE, S.: W.:

BAILEY MADISON, J.: W.:

E. A. HOTCHKISS, Sec'y.

Clear Water ☐, No. 28, *Clear Water.*

First and Third Saturdays in each month.

W. T. RIGBY, W.: M.:

CHAS. H. GIBBS, S.: W.:

H. B. MORRISON, J.: W.:

H. A. BICKFORD, Sec'y.

Morning Star ☐, No. 29, *La Crescent.*

*First and Third Thursdays of each month.

J. O. SAWYER, W.: M.:

H. D. GURLEY, S.: W.:

E. H. BROWN, J.: W.:

THOS. MINSHALL, Sec'y.

Anoka ☐, No. 30, *Anoka.*

Saturday preceding full moon.

W. E. CUNDY, W.: M.:

ELIAS PRATT, S.: W.:

H. W. STERLING, J.: W.:

L. G. BROWNING, Sec'y.

King Hiram ☐, No. 31, *Belle Plaine.*

First and Fourth Saturdays in each month.

J. S. PASHLEY, W.: M.:

G. L. DEMING, S.: W.:

FREDERICK GREENE, J.: W.:

G. E. SLY, Sec'y.

Sakatah □, No. 32, Waterville.

Saturday on or before each full moon.

L. L. BLAIR, W. M.
L. H. BULLIS, J. W.HY. L. GISH, S. W.
JOHN HANKINS, Sec'y.*Star in the East* □, No. 33, Owatonna.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month.

A. C. HICKMAN, W. M.
LEWIS L. WHELOCK, J. W.HIRAM BACKUS, S. W.
T. G. PATCH, Sec'y.*Oriental* □, No. 34, Cannon Falls.

First and Third Saturday of each month.

C. PARKS, W. M.
D. L. DAVIS, J. W.J. A. WILSON, S. W.
J. H. WALLBRIDGE, Sec'y.*Mt. Moriah* □, No. 35, Hastings.

First and Third Mondays in each month.

J. L. POWERS, W. M.
ANDREW WARSOP, J. W.E. A. GOVE, S. W.
A. H. TRUAX, Sec'y.*Preston* □, No. 36, Preston.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month.

ABRAM KALDER, W. M.
ROSSMAN B. INGRAHAM, J. W.GILES A. BAKER, S. W.
HORACE A. TODD, Sec'y.*Mystic Tie* □, No. 37, Pine Island.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month.

S. S. WORTHING, W. M.
G. L. MARBLE, J. W.M. A. ROBINSON, S. W.
T. E. COOPER, Sec'y.*Washington* □, No. 38, Wasioja.

Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month.

JAMES A. GARVER, W. M.
WM. M. GREENE, J. W.O. W. WALDO, S. W.
F. BARRETT, Sec'y.*Fidelity* □, No. 39, Austin.

First and Third Wednesdays in each month.

G. G. CLEMMER, W. M.
H. A. BASSFORD, J. W.SOLOMON SNOW, S. W.
F. I. CRANE, Sec'y.*Carnelian* □, No. 40, Lake City.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month.

W. W. SCOTT, W. M.
J. E. FARROW, J. W.LAFAYETTE COLLINS, S. W.
H. E. HUMPHREY, Sec'y.*Hermon* □, No. 41, Zumbrota.

Tuesday on or before the full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

THOS. P. KELLETT, W. M.
EDWARD L. MELLUS, J. W.BRADLEY P. CHENEY, S. W.
ARTHUR TAPPAN, Sec'y.

Hope □, No. 42, Glencoe.

First and Third Mondays of each month.

G. K. GILBERT, W. M.

A. P. FITCH, S. W.

H. C. RUSSELL, J. W.

J. L. EGBERT, Sec'y.

Harmony □, No. 43, Lewiston.

First and Third Mondays of each month.

LUCIUS BRAINARD, W. M.

ERNST. W. REBSTOCK, S. W.

JOHN SHILLETO, J. W.

R. M. ELLIOTT, Sec'y.

King Solomon □, No. 44, Shakopee.

First Wednesday preceding the full moon of each month, and the second Wednesday thereafter.

DAVID L. HOW, W. M.

CHARLES H. LORD, S. W.

TAYLOR HEINTZMAN, J. W.

EDWARD G. HALLE, Sec'y.

Union □, No. 45, Le Sueur.

First and Third Saturdays in each month.

JOHN TAYLOR, W. M.

R. TRAVIS, S. W.

R. TOUSLEY, J. W.

GEORGE W. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

Evergreen □, No. 46, Saratoga.

First and Third Saturdays of each month.

R. B. KELLAM, W. M.

S. L. DRAPER, S. W.

L. T. WELLS, J. W.

L. G. GATES, Sec'y.

Concord □, No. 47, Cleveland.

Saturday evening on or before full moon in each month, and two weeks thereafter.

WM. H. HALL, W. M.

BARNABAS WELTON, S. W.

WM. LANCASTER, J. W.

MAHLON H. EVERETT, Sec'y.

Social □, No. 48, Northfield.

First and Third Wednesdays of each month.

F. A. NOBLE, W. M.

CHAS. H. GOODSSELL, S. W.

WALTER G. CUTLER, J. W.

GEO. E. BATES, Sec'y.

Rising Sun □, No. 49, St. Charles.

First and Third Thursdays of each month.

S. Y. HYDE, W. M.

H. H. STONE, S. W.

J. W. BROCKETT, J. W.

JOHN PICKETT, Sec'y.

Watertown □, No. 50, Watertown.

Saturday on or before the first full moon in each month.

ERNEST HAINLIN, W. M.

THOMAS MOORE, S. W.

CHARLES G. HALGREN, J. W.

ROBT H. McCLELLAND, Sec'y.

Acacia □, No. 51, Cottage Grove.

Wednesday of the week in which the moon fulls.

EDWARD M. COX, W. M.

HENRY A. DURAND, S. W.

T. S. MEILEIKE, J. W.

JAMES S. NORRIS, Sec'y.

Cannon River □, No. 52, *Morristown.*

Saturday on or after full moon in each month.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS, W.: M.:
J. A. ARMSTRONG, J.: W.:WM. H. HEAGY, S.: W.:
ISAAC HAND, Sec'y.*Nicollet* □, No. 54, *St. Peter.*

First and Third Tuesdays in each month.

THOMAS MONTGOMERY, W.: M.:
GEO. W. DRYER, J.: W.:JOSHUA T. GLOVER, S.: W.:
ISAAC A. NORWOOD, Sec'y.*Zion* □, No. 55, *Taylor's Falls.*

Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month.

F. S. EDDY, W.: M.:
J. B. GRISWOLD, J.: W.:J. H. McCOURT, S.: W.:
L. W. FOLSOM, Sec'y.*Meridian* □, No. 56, *Chatfield.*

First and Third Thursdays of each month.

W. R. EDWARDS, W.: M.:
S. S. McKENNY, J.: W.:GEORGE ANDREWS, S.: W.:
L. G. KILBOURN, Sec'y.*Blue Earth City* □, No. 57, *Blue Earth City.*

First and Third Wednesdays in each month.

ANDREW E. VEON, W.: M.:
GEO. W. BUSWELL, J.: W.:RIAL B. JOHNSON, S.: W.:
DANIEL F. GOODRICH, Sec'y.*Spring Valley* □, No. 58, *Spring Valley.*

First and Third Tuesdays of each month.

S. C. LOBDELL, W.: M.:
W. C. ZIMMERMAN, J.: W.:R. L. MOORE, S.: W.:
A. M. ALDEN, Sec'y.*Temple* □, No. 59, *Hutchinson.*

First and Third Saturdays of each month.

KEE WAKEFIELD, W.: M.:
JOHN MERSON, J.: W.:D. S. SIVRIGHT, S.: W.:
DAVID A. ADAMS, Sec'y.*Star in the West* □, No. 60, *Sauk Centre.*

Second and Fourth Mondays of each month.

EDWARD P. BARNUM, W.: M.:
WASHINGTON McNEICE, J.: W.:NELSON H. MINER, S.: W.:
IRA M. CARPENTER, Sec'y.*Ashlar* □, No. 61, *Eyota.*

First and Third Mondays of each month.

L. W. NEEDHAM, W.: M.:
E. DUNN, J.: W.:W. DIXON, S.: W.:
O. S. ARMSTRONG, Sec'y.*Star* □, No. 62, *Rockford.*

Every Saturday on or before the full of the moon, and two weeks thereafter.

J. R. AMES, W.: M.:
O. H. BUSHNELL, J.: W.:G. A. RUCKOLDT, S.: W.:
N. WARNER, Sec'y.

Illustrious □, No. 63, *Plainview*.

First and Third Friday evenings of each month.

AUGUSTUS SMITH, W. M.

E. S. CASE, S. W.

JAMES McHENCH, J. W.

THOS. P. STEARNS, Sec'y.

Chain Lake □, No. 64, *Fairmount*.

Wednesday on or before full moon.

JOHN F. DANIELS, W. M.

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, S. W.

FRANCIS S. LIVERMORE, J. W.

H. M. BLAISDELL, Sec'y.

Golden Rule □, No. 65, *Lakeland*.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays in each month.

L. A. HUNTOON, W. M.

OLIVER BAILEY, S. W.

JOSEPH H. TYLER, J. W.

R. H. SANDERSON, Sec'y.

Madelia □, No. 66, *Madelia*.

First and Third Thursdays of each month.

J. T. FURBER, W. M.

W. R. MARVIN, S. W.

B. G. YATES, J. W.

W. W. MURPHY, Sec'y.

Corinthian □, No. 67, *Farmington*.

Second and Fourth Fridays of each month.

HARMON W. BARKALOO, W. M.

L. P. DODGE, S. W.

EDWARD L. BRACKETT, J. W.

CHARLES R. GRIEBIE, Sec'y.

Mystic Star □, No. 69, *Rushford*.

First and Third Thursdays of each month.

CHARLES W. GORE, W. M.

ELIAS W. LYONS, S. W.

AMBROSE U. RICE, J. W.

GEORGE R. PARKER, Sec'y.

Forest City □, No. 70, *Forest City*.

Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

A. C. SMITH, W. M.

SAM'L B. HUTCHINS, S. W.

JAMES B. ATKINSON, J. W.

T. C. JEWETT, Sec'y.

Paynesville □, No. 71, *Paynesville*.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month.

JOHN MOORE, W. M.

SAM'L DUNHAM, S. W.

HUGH BLAKELY, J. W.

JOHN W. DARBY, Sec'y.

Lansing □, No. 72, *Lansing*.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays in each month.

P. D. VAUGHAN, W. M.

W. L. HOLLISTER, S. W.

L. HAWLEY, Jr., J. W.

A. B. VAUGHAN, Sec'y.

Brownsville □, No. 73, *Brownsville*.

First and Third Mondays of each month.

J. B. LE BLOND, W. M.

THOMAS McMICHAEL, S. W.

HENRY SHRAUD, J. W.

H. H. SELFRIDGE, Act'g Sec'y.

Minneiska □, No. 74, *Minneiska*.

First and Third Thursdays in each month.

H. J. O'NEILL, W. M.
A. FOX, J. W.J. H. O'CONNELL, S. W.
L. P. BROOKS, Sec'y.*Eureka* □, No. 75, *Le Roy*.

First and Third Saturdays of each month.

A. J. PORTER, W. M.
HENRY BOWEN, J. W.C. A. ROY, S. W.
P. T. McINTYRE, Sec'y.*Joppa* □, No. 76, *Garden City*.

First and Third Saturdays of each month.

JAMES G. THOMPSON, W. M.
LYSANDER COOK, J. W.W. R. MARVIN, S. W.
BENJ. F. WEBBER, Sec'y.*Tuscan* □, No. 77, *Waseca*.

Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month.

E. M. BROUGHTON, W. M.
N. E. STRONG, J. W.B. S. LEWIS, S. W.
H. J. WADSWORTH, Sec'y.*Mystic Circle* □, No. 78, *Houston*.

Second and Fourth Fridays of each month.

F. N. GOODRICH, W. M.

Palestine □, No. 79, *Duluth*.

First and Third Mondays of each month.

EDGAR NASH, W. M.
JOHN H. LAVOQUE, J. W.ED. M. BLOOMER, S. W.
JOHN R. CAREY, Sec'y.*Henderson* □, No. 80, *Henderson*.

First and Third Saturdays of each month.

DANIEL PICKIT, W. M.
CHARLES B. THIMENS, J. W.J. Q. A. GRANT, S. W.
ADAM BUCK, Sec'y.*Constellation* □, No. 81, *Alexandria*.

On or before the full of the moon.

N. B. PATTERSON, W. M.
CHARLES SCHULTZ, J. W.L. W. KILBOURN, S. W.
JOSEPH GILPIN, Sec'y.*Howard* □, No. 82, *Howard Lake*.

Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month.

CHARLES W. RICKERSON, W. M.
GEORGE W. THOMPSON, J. W.FRANK LA FOND, S. W.
JOHN A. JOHNSON, Sec'y.*Huram a Bi* □, No. 83, *Kasson*.

First and Second Wednesdays of each month.

A. L. PORTER, W. M.
WM. HOY, J. W.A. REMINGTON, S. W.
HIRAM HATCH, Sec'y.

Orient □, No. 84, *Money Creek.*

First and Third Saturdays of each month.

ISAAC H. GOODWIN, W. M.
NATHAN VANCE, J. W.GILBERT M. COREY, S. W.
HENRY I. AIRRON, Sec'y.*High Forest* □, No. 85, *High Forest.*

First and Third Wednesdays of each month.

LUTHER B. SMITH, W. M.
JOHN ROBINSON, J. W.EDWARD D. BUCK, S. W.
E. S. WOOLDRIDGE, Sec'y.*Tyrian* □, No. 86, *Mazeppa.*

Second and Fourth Tuesdays in each month.

E. W. ROBIE, W. M.
G. MAXWELL, J. W.JAMES OLIVER, S. W.
WM. M. EVANS, Sec'y.*Doric* □, No. 87, *Wells.*

First and Third Thursdays of each month.

H. O. WILSIE, W. M.
T. S. FELLOWS, J. W.H. A. PARK, S. W.
DANIEL STRAW, Sec'y.*Yellowstone* □, No. 88, *Fort Buford.*

A. P. BLUNT, W. M.

R. C. SEIP, Sec'y.

Golden Fleece □, No. 89, *Litchfield.*

Second and Fourth Fridays of each month.

JAMES C. BRADEN, W. M.
JOHN M. WALDRON, J. W.JOHN A. C. WALKER, S. W.
JOHN Q. A. BRADEN, Sec'y.*Good Faith* □, No. 90, *Jackson.*

First and Third Wednesdays of each month.

E. P. FREEMAN, W. M.
J. B. WAKEFIELD, J. W.ALEX. FIDDIS, S. W.
J. W. COWING, Sec'y.*Antiquity* □, No. 91, *Redwood Falls.*

First and Third Wednesdays of each month.

FRED. V. HOTCHKISS, W. M.
JAMES McMILLAN, J. W.WM. D. FLINN, S. W.
ROB. WATSON, Sec'y.*Fraternal* □, No. 92, *Princeton.*

First and Third Wednesdays of each month.

JOHN PARKER, W. M.
ALEX. YOUNG, J. W.S. L. STAPLES, S. W.
H. M. JAMESON, Sec'y.*Unity* □, No. 93, *Sauk Rapids.*

First and Third Saturdays of each month.

S. N. WRIGHT, W. M.
J. CARPENTER, J. W.W. H. FLETCHER, S. W.
S. P. CARPENTER, Sec'y.

Keystone □, *No. 94, Banner.*

First and Third Tuesdays of each month.

JOHN MOORE, W.: M.:
JOHN NEWMAN, J.: W.:ABRAM LENT, S.: W.:
A. E. SOMERVILLE, Sec'y.*Sherburne* □, *No. 95, Elk River.*

Tuesday before full moon.

L. E. PRESTON, W.: M.:
WM. H. HOULTON, J.: W.:WM. M. CLEELAND, S.: W.:
GEO. B. UPHAM, Sec'y.

APPENDIX.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand □ of Minnesota :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report that they have received and examined the Proceedings of forty-four Grand □, viz. :

Alabama, December,.....	1870	Mississippi, January,.....	1871
Arkansas, November,.....	1870	Montana, October,.....	1870
Connecticut, May,.....	1871	New Hampshire, May,.....	1871
California, October,.....	1870	New Jersey, January,.....	1871
Colorado, September,.....	1870	New York, June,.....	1871
Canada, July,.....	1871	North Carolina, December,.....	1870
District of Columbia, Nov.,.....	1870	Nevada, September,.....	1871
Delaware, June,.....	1871	New Brunswick, September,.....	1870
Florida, February,.....	1871	Nova Scotia, June,.....	1871
Georgia, October,.....	1870	Ohio, October,.....	1870
Indiana, May,.....	1871	Oregon, June,.....	1871
Illinois, October,.....	1870	Pennsylvania, December,.....	1870
Iowa, June,.....	1871	Quebec, September,.....	1871
Idaho, October,.....	1871	Rhode Island, May,.....	1871
Kentucky, October,.....	1870	South Carolina, November,.....	1870
Kansas, October,.....	1870	Tennessee, November,.....	1870
Louisiana, February,.....	1871	Texas, June,.....	1871
Maine, May,.....	1871	Vermont, June,.....	1870
Massachusetts, December,.....	1870	Virginia, December,.....	1870
Maryland, November,.....	1871	Wisconsin, June,.....	1871
Michigan, January,.....	1871	West Virginia, November,.....	1870
Missouri, October,.....	1871	Washington Territory, Sept.....	1870

Thus, we are enabled to notice the Proceedings of *all* the Grand □ with whom we are in correspondence. Following custom, we commence with

ALABAMA.

The last Proceedings received from the Grand □ of Alabama, are those had at its fiftieth Annual Communication, held at Montgomery, commencing December 5th, 1870. (Bro. Sayre will please note.)

Two hundred and thirty-four □ represented—three hundred and sixty-two on the roll.

The Grand Master, Wm. P. Chilton, presented a very excellent address. We are determined to make this a brief report, hence we shall pass over without notice a vast amount of interesting and valuable matter. The responsibility for so doing is not with us. Yet we cannot forbear making an extract from the address before us. Grand Master Chilton says :

"In times like these, of such wide-spread demoralization, the world has a right to look to the Masonic Institution as among the most efficient means for the exercise of that moral power and influence that shall restore it to a healthy normal condition. The Mason who, instead of setting his face sternly against these evil tendencies, falls into them, 'and goes with the multitude to do evil,' forgets his high mission, is false to his profession, and brings reproach upon the Institution from which he derives his distinction. If there ever was a time when every true Mason should endeavor, both by precept and example, to impress the moral precepts of our Order upon those around him, the present is that time."

Of the fifty-five decisions reported, we confine our extracts to two ; we would gladly present the whole—if allowed.

"35. When the widow of a Mason to whom Masonic assistance is being rendered marries a profane, the burthen of her support is lifted from the Fraternity, and imposed upon her husband."

"47. The Master of a ☐ must not preside in a haughty, arbitrary, dictatorial or imperious manner. He is required to put every motion made at a proper time, and couched in respectful language, and which does not contravene the constitution, rules and edicts of the Grand ☐, the by-laws of his own ☐, nor the ancient landmarks and usages of the Order, to the vote of his ☐, and properly to announce the result of such vote. Circumscribed by the foregoing restrictions also, the Master's authority in his ☐ is supreme. No appeal lies from his decision to the ☐, and he is amenable only to the Grand ☐, but subject to suspension by the Grand Master, under certain restrictions. It is his privilege to decide all points of order and of ceremonial Masonic law, and the members of his ☐ are bound to obey the Masonic gavel."

On the question of taxation by the Grand ☐, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence say :

"Your committee admit the inherent right and power of the Grand ☐, in the absence of any constitutional provisions and limitations, to tax the Subordinate ☐ to such an amount as may be necessary to carry on the legitimate business of the Grand ☐, and that the erection of a hall in which to hold its communications and transact its business is a legitimate object of taxation."

Concurred in by the Grand ☐.

Ten charters granted and six dispensations continued.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. R. F. Knott—his first report. That it was appreciated is evidenced by the fact of his re-appointment. The Proceedings of thirty-eight Grand ☐ are noticed, Minnesota included.

M.: W.: Wm. P. Chilton, Grand Master, and

R.: W.: Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand ☐ of Arkansas held its thirty-second Annual Communication at Little Rock, commencing November 21st, 1870. One hundred and thirty-four ☐ were represented; two hundred and thirty-four on the roll.

Grand Master Bolcher presented a *very* excellent address, and reported thirty-seven decisions made by him, all of which were sustained by the Committee on Masonic Law, of which that veteran Mason, Past Grand Master English, was chairman. The Grand ☐ adopted the report of the committee with one exception—No. 35—which was as follows:

“To the question whether a negro’s testimony was admissible on a trial between two brethren, I replied that the colored population of the country are competent witnesses by law, before the civil courts of the country, and I know no reason why they should not be equally competent as other profanes in Masonic trials; their credibility, however, is always a question for the tribunal before whom their testimony is to be used.”

Burns’ idea that “A man’s a man for a’ that,” evidently is not appreciated by the Grand ☐ of Arkansas.

Among the cases reported by the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, was—a member was charged with gross unmasonic conduct, tried by his ☐, and acquitted. On appeal to the Grand ☐, it was held that upon the evidence submitted, the decision was clearly wrong, and it was set aside. The case was then remanded to the ☐ for a new trial, and “in order that a fair trial may be had,” the District Deputy Grand Master was ordered to preside at the trial.

We opine that the Grand ☐ made a mistake in this, as in the reversal of the decision of the Grand Master, above noted. The Grand ☐ should itself have dealt with the party.

We notice this case because of a similar instance in this jurisdiction, some twelve or thirteen years since, and which has been strangely commented upon by some of our younger members latterly.

In 1867 a resolution was adopted by the Grand ☐ of Arkansas, declaring that a “dimit is only authority to join another ☐, and if a brother fails to do so within a reasonable time, he is still liable to dues.” The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage recommended the repeal of the resolution, and the adoption of the following:

“Any member should be allowed to dimit on application, his dues being paid, and no questions asked.”

In which the Grand ☐ concurred. Correct, in our judgment.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, comprising one hundred and eighty-six pages of the pamphlet before us,—(brethren of Minnesota, compare that with our brief reports, of which some of you complain

as being too lengthy)—was presented by Bro. O. C. Gray. We have gone over the whole 186 pages, and can find nothing which might have been omitted except his allusion to us. Contrary to our custom, we will quote what he says of the writer.

"We are sorry that Bro. P. should let 'a kind of dissatisfaction' keep him silent upon any subject, much less upon subjects of interest to the Fraternity. We don't believe even the Infallibility dogma of Pius IX.—and we are a most unrighteous disbeliever in the infallibility of Grand Masters, Grand Orators, Grand Lecturers or grand anybody-else. Now we can't see why Bro. Pierson's opinions are worth any less *now* as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence than *they were* when he held the honor of 'sounding the gavel' in the Grand East, as the Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota.

"We notice that *our* chance to be heard in Minnesota is very small; *nevertheless* Bro. P. shall be heard in Arkansas, and we are governed in this as in like cases, by the fact that the writers of these reports quite often say sensible things as well as Grand Masters and Grand Orators."

M. W. Sam. W. Williams was elected Grand Master, and

R. W. Luke E. Barber re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The eighty-third Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Connecticut was held at New Haven, May 10, 1871. Ninety-nine ☐ represented; one hundred and ten on the roll.

The address of Grand Master Asa Smith was brief—devoted to his official acts, and of local interest. He pays a merited tribute to the memory of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. E. G. Storer.

The Grand ☐ of Quebec was recognized as a legitimate organization.

Two charters for new ☐ were granted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Wheeler, is an interesting document, in which the Proceedings of forty-five Grand ☐ are reviewed in his usual fraternal manner. Extracts made from the address of our Grand Master and from the report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. James L. Gould was elected Grand Master, and

R. W. J. K. Wheeler re-elected Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The twenty-first Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of California was held in San Francisco, October 11, 1870.

One hundred and forty-six ☐ represented; one hundred and sixty-eight on the roll.

We wish that we could present the whole of Grand Master Pratt's address, so full is it of practical suggestions, but must content ourselves with but one:

"A mere increase of numbers is no cause of congratulation, and I repeat to you as my solemn conviction, what has already been said by the Grand Mas-

ters of, perhaps, every jurisdiction on this continent, that if there is one thing which, more than all others combined, threatens the downfall of this patriarchal institution, it is its growing popularity.

"A rapid accession of indifferent members, a too cautious use of the negative ballot, and a cowardly indisposition to apply Masonic discipline to those already within the fold—these are the quicksands and bars on which Freemasonry may yet founder. Through these faults you are filling your ranks with unworthy members, inspired with no loftier ambition than to live in indolence upon the toil of their brethren; and following this, you have been compelled by the very principles of self-preservation to shift your personal obligations to your brethren, from yourselves individually, to the ☐ in its collective capacity, and then permit the ☐ in turn to set up an arbitrary and offensive rule to shut off these drones whom your own folly and neglect have brought into your household. Thus the Masonic conscience is compelled to shield itself from the Masonic obligation by the specious but shallow pretext that he who appeals for aid has not performed his duties to the ☐ of which he is a member.

"It is these vices and innovations which may yet destroy the identity of Masonry, and reduce it to the level of a mere mutual aid association.

"A distressed brother asks for assistance, and he is in turn asked, as coldly as a banker asks for his securities, if he has paid his dues; and if his misfortunes compel him to answer in the negative, no matter what the cause, or how worthy he may be in other respects, his claims are ignored and he is sent empty away. At last he dies, and the penalties of his poverty follow him still. The last rites, so prized by the appreciative Mason, are denied him, because the secretary has balanced his account and found him indebted to the ☐ for six months' dues. A few months later, and the widow of the deceased brother comes in her sable robes, with famishing childhood at her side, spirit-broken and sick at heart at being compelled to appeal to us, yet appealing with a perfect confidence, because she knows her dead idol was a Mason; and she is gravely told that her husband died under the ban of suspension. Suspended—and for what! she asks. What wrong had he committed which deserved this? No moral wrong; he was a good man and true; but he was poor and had not paid his dues for the last six months.

"And to the humiliation which she experienced in asking for assistance, is added the more humiliating conviction that Masonry is a deception and a snare, failing to practice the beautiful theory it professes; and that her husband, after all his years of labor and devotion to what he deemed the living embodiment of all virtue, lived and died the deluded victim of a mockery and a falsehood. In the name of the Ancient Brotherhood, I protest against this unmasonic feature of modern Masonry."

Pretty strong language, but "more truth than poetry" in it.

In the adoption of the following resolution we think the Grand ☐ has struck the right vein:

"*Resolved*, That in the case of a suicide by a Master Mason in this jurisdiction, the Master and Wardens of the ☐ to which he belonged shall determine as to his insanity, and as to the propriety of interring him with Masonic honors."

The report on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Bro. W. H. Hill, is a well-digested review of the Proceedings of thirty-eight Grand ☐. Extracts are made from the address of our Grand Master, and from our report of last year.

The Grand ☐ of Minnesota, according to our notion, "toed the mark" with "reference to the controversy between the Grand ☐ of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France." We cannot see where the "dodging the main point at issue" comes in. We did not proclaim non-intercourse, because we hoped that so soon as the Grand

Orient of France perceived the attitude of the American Grand , she would "take the back track."

Bro. Hall says, "Our 'P.' never surrenders;" does that mean, as was once said to us, "I had rather remain in the wrong than to acknowledge it?"

We are very loth to leave these Proceedings without making copious extracts, but are forced to do so.

M.: W.: L. E. Pratt, Grand Master, and

R.: W.: A. G. Abell, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

COLORADO.

The tenth Annual Communication of the Grand  of Colorado was held at Central, September 27th, 1870.

Nine  represented; seventeen on the roll.

The Grand Master first refused, but on being importuned by numbers of the brethren, "reluctantly consented" that the corner-stone of the "Denver Pacific Railway Company's depot" should be laid with Masonic ceremonies. Reporting to the Grand , he says:

"I trust the attention of the brethren having been called to this subject, that no Grand Master of this jurisdiction will be again called upon to lay the corner-stone of a private building. I cannot neglect this opportunity to call your attention to what I consider an increasing evil in this jurisdiction. I refer to the anxiety shown by the brethren to appear in public as Masons—to seize every opportunity to make a Masonic display, to have Masonic celebrations, Masonic festivals, public installations, upon every possible occasion. Members who for months have not darkened the door of the  room come promptly to the call for a public display, anxious for an opportunity to proclaim their connection with the Fraternity. These members return to the  room, take off their Masonic clothing, and are seen no more in the  until they are again wanted to swell the ranks of a Masonic procession. In the work of the  they have no part; its benefits they claim, its burdens they do not bear. While Masonry is popular, they will appear in public as often as the opportunity is presented; but let the spirit of persecution prevail, as it has in the past—let it be unpopular to be a Mason, and these brethren will no longer seek opportunities to proclaim that they are Masons. It is said that these public displays bring us before the public, induce a spirit of inquiry among prophanes, and thus induce good men to offer themselves for admission to our . Masonry is not aggressive, and does not seek to proselyte. We want men who are attracted not by idle curiosity, not because Masonry is honorable, not because it is a passport to place or power, but men in search of light—anxious inquirers after truth, with mental and moral perceptions to understand our symbols and sacred mysteries; such men will come to us, not because we indulge in imposing ceremonies in public, not because it is popular to be a Mason, but because they are actuated by the love of truth and virtue."

We commend the foregoing to the brethren.

The business transacted was of local interest.

Bro. L. N. Greenleaf presented a valuable report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the Proceedings of thirty-eight Grand  are reviewed.

California says, relative to the resolutions reported by the writer of this, with reference to the controversy between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand ☐ of Louisiana, that they "Look a little like dodging the main point at issue." Colorado says, "They are the most concise that we have yet seen, being most emphatically 'the truth in a nutshell.'" Thank you, Bro. Greenleaf.

M. W. Henry M. Teller, Grand Master, and

R. W. Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

CANADA.

The sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Canada was held at Ottawa, July 12, 13 and 14, 1871.

One hundred and eighty-nine ☐ represented; two hundred and thirty-eight on the roll.

Eighteen dispensations for new ☐ granted during the year.

The address of the Grand Master and the reports of the District Deputies evidence that the Craft is in a flourishing condition in that jurisdiction.

A series of resolutions were adopted, looking to a solution of the difficulties in the province of Quebec.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. E. Mitchell, in which the Proceedings of thirty-five Grand ☐ are reviewed.

Thank you, Bro. Mitchell, for saying of our report last year, that it was "well written, and in a fraternal spirit; outspoken, but giving good evidence of a sound head and a good heart." But, Bro. Mitchell, you did not read *all* of our report—perhaps it was too much of an infliction—or you would not have said, "Canada and several more not included." On pages 90–93 you will find that Canada *was* included. We regret the oversight, because we would like to see his comments on that portion of our report. We hope for "better luck next time."

M. W. James Seymour was elected Grand Master, and

R. W. T. Bird Harris, re-elected Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand ☐ of the District of Columbia assembled at the sixtieth Annual Communication on the 9th of November, 1870, at Washington. The pamphlet before us is one of unusual interest, containing, as it does, the Proceedings had at various Communications of the Grand ☐; an elegant and instructive address by Bro. Ben. Perley Poor; a report on Foreign Correspondence of one hundred and fifty-four pages, and each page valuable, from the pen of M.

W.: Bro. C. F. Stansbury, and the correspondence between the "Grand Master and Grand Secretary, with the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of other jurisdictions, on the subject of the nature and limitations of the 'right of visit' and the 'right of objection.'"

At the Annual Communication, nineteen ☐ were represented; twenty-three on the roll.

Business transacted of local interest only.

We wish that we could present Bro. Poor's address entire; it is well worthy of reproduction, but "time, space, etc." Bro. Stansbury's report is, as Bro. Gilbert would say, "exhaustive." Minnesota receives a favorable notice. In compliance with his request, we will re-record our opinion:

A Brother having proved himself as such, and in good standing, has the "right to visit" any ☐ anywhere, *provided* there is no objection made by a *member* of the ☐ then and there present. The simple "I object" by a *member* of the ☐ is sufficient to exclude a visitor.

M.: W.: Chas. F. Stansbury was elected Grand Master, and

R.: W.: Noble D. Larned, re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Delaware was held at Wilmington, June 27th, 1871.

Seventeen ☐ represented; twenty-six on the roll.

The address of the Grand Master, M.: W.: J. Collins McCabe, D. D., is a very minute report of his doings.

A Special Communication of the Grand ☐ was held on the 20th of April, 1871, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Masonic Hall, in Wilmington, on which occasion the Grand Master delivered a suitable oration. We have only space for the following extracts; we present them because they are the enunciations of a D. D.:

"You may ask me here, 'why are there so many bad men who are Masons?' And I might reply to the irrelevant question, 'why are there so many hypocrites in the Christian church?' Masonry is no more responsible for the sins of omission or commission of individual Masons, than is the pure and holy Church of Christ for those of *her* unworthy members. Having, then, laid *this* foundation, Masonry builds her superstructure on *that* principle, the cultivation of which insures peace on earth, and confers dignity and worth on the highest, as well as the humblest being. You may call it what you please. It is the principle of doing to others as we would they should do unto us. On this principle, every kindred and language, and nation, under heaven, may come into the great Masonic Hall on earth, bringing only with them the incense of virtuous deeds. Here they may meet upon the *level* and part upon the *square*. Their opinions, their pursuits, and their different forms of religion, is a matter in which she does not intermeddle, upon which she does not undertake to dogmatize. This *principle*, so perfect in its effects, joins the hands of the mon-

arch and his subjects, of the rich and the poor—the Christian and the Jew. It brings together men of *every* form of religion, and of station in life—it is indeed a universal brotherhood. This exalted *principle*, contained in the ‘golden rule of heaven,’ is what wise men have called the ‘*honesty of Masonry*.’ It is written on the holy altar of our prayers; it should be engraved upon the tablets of our hearts, and its eloquence should be felt in all we do, and heard in all we say. *This* we assert is the *principle* of Masonic action, and I appeal to all the evidence which has come to the observation of mankind, to testify against us if we speak not according to truth. This principle forbids a system of proscription and persecution. Has Masonry ever *proposed* or *practiced* a system of unholy warfare on any people, against any sect, or ever against her *enemies*? Has she ever attempted to proscribe or persecute men for their religious, civil or political opinions?”

“I speak not of *some* Masons; I speak of *Masonry* as an *Institution*, as a *body*, and I challenge a contradiction. ‘What terms of reproach’ says one, ‘has she ever spoken? What altars has she ever thrown down? What fires of persecution has she ever lighted? When the flames of the inquisition were kindled around her most sacred temples—when her sons were led like lambs to the slaughter, and her children exiled as the children of strangers, what did she render in return?’ Tell me not she only wanted *power* to have avenged her injuries, and cancelled her insults. No, *power* she has often had. When her hand has held the sword of nations, and wielded the wealth of empires, that wealth she has distributed in charities, that sword she has sheathed in peace. When she was reviled, she reviled not again; when she has been persecuted, she persecuted not in return.”

“‘One argument,’ says a writer, himself not a Mason, ‘is to our mind sufficient of itself to sustain us in our opinion of the Masonic Institution—and that is,—that if one half were true that is said against it, it would have been *totally extinct long before now*; it could not have sustained itself,—it is impossible—when the fact of which we have daily and indubitable evidence is, that the Institution never has made greater progress in our country than at the present time.’”

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through Bro. J. Thos. Budd, reported the reception of the Proceedings of twenty-six Grand , and yet the report is contained in three pages of the Proceedings before us.

M.: W.: Rev. J. Collins McCabe, D. D., was re-elected Grand Master, and

R.: W.: J. P. Almond, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The forty-first Annual Communication of the Grand  of Florida was held at Jacksonville, February 14th, 1871.

Thirty  represented; fifty-nine on the roll.

Of “*Physical Disqualifications*,” the Grand Master says:

“The general principle that should guide us in such matters, is the ability of the applicant to work as a M.: M.: If he possesses, in addition to the word faculties, the physical requisites, any slight deformity may be disregarded.”

Curious definition that of a “Perfect Man.”

We endorse the following decision:

“*Lodge Business*.—If the W.: M.: should think that any unfair advantage is about to be taken because of the small attendance at any meeting, he has a right to interfere for the protection of the , or of a brother, and postpone action on any business; but the transaction of business should not ordinarily be delayed on account of a small attendance.”

Grand Secretary Dawkins presented the report on Foreign Correspondence; from it we quote:

"The committee on this subject are the 'Sir Oracles' of the Fraternity. It is through them that the Craft in our Grand jurisdiction is informed as to the condition of the Fraternity in the others; and it is through them that ray of light upon innumerable Masonic subjects, springing up here and there all over the Masonic world, are more thoroughly disseminated, whereby it is placed within the reach of all Masons, who read to learn and be emulated, and the more useful to others. It is through them, that subjects of fraternal controversy are thoroughly canvassed, whereby the various Grand jurisdictions are the better enabled to settle advisedly their various subjects of doubtful jurisprudence."

M. W. Samuel Pasco, Grand Master, and

R. W. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

GEORGIA.

An Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Georgia was held at Macon, October 25th, 1870.

One hundred and ninety-eight ☐ represented; two hundred and seventy-one on the roll.

The address of the Grand Master is confined to a report of his official doings, but evidences that he is a *practical Masonic worker*.

We most heartily endorse the following extract from the report of D. G. M. Wright, of the 3d District:

"While I have insisted upon intelligent, skillful and uniform work as **INDISPENSIBLE** to the prosperity of Subordinate ☐, yet the secret of unstained honor—of unbroken Peace and Harmony—depends not so much upon the **MANNER** of the work, as upon a faithful adherence to, and practice out of the ☐, of the principles taught within it.

"Brethren, I have made it the burden of my heart and prayers, and it has been my constant and unceasing toil to press home upon the hearts and consciences of officers and brethren, that no drunken or profane man be permitted to find an asylum in our ☐—to pollute our altars, profane our symbols, distract our counsels, and insult the God whom we worship. If the fallen and unfortunate **WILL NOT** be reformed and upheld, then let them be expelled at once; and by so doing protect the dignity, honor and reputation of the Order, and our own personal self-respect. So shall the incense that arises from our altars be from pure hearts, and our sacrifices without spot or blemish.

"Drunkenness, profane swearing, and gaming, with their concomitant vices, are the cankerous poisons that eat us up, making us a hiss and a by-word—aye, more, the merited mark for jest and contempt.

"The victims of these terrible vices, fallen sometimes, and alas too often, from the high estate of Masonic respectability into those miserable, loathsome sinks of crime and ruin, still presume to claim the prestige of character that belongs alone to the accomplished Mason. Oh, shame upon the Master that tolerates such characters to find a retreat within the sacred precincts of his ☐! No wonder the good and great often refuse to meet and fraternize with us, when they behold such solemn mockery. And while our laws are perhaps explicit enough against these high offences, still, from a sense of duty, which I dare not disregard, I **MUST**, and do now, most earnestly beg and recommend that this Grand ☐ speak out by resolution, or otherwise, upon these vices in such a way that Masters, at their peril, will see to it that these great crimes against Masonry no longer exist or find a hiding-place among us, and that he who neglects or refuses to enforce our rules against these and kindred vices,

does so at the sacrifice of his own official honor and respect, and can only receive in return the unmeasured condemnation of all good Masons."

The following from the report of the Finance Committee was adopted:

"1st. A resolution appropriating one hundred dollars for services to the Grand Pursuivant. Your committee are opposed, on principle, to paying for the services of Grand Officers, where there is no provision made in the Grand Constitution, believing the precedent a bad one, and debasing the office from one of honor to a mere nuisance. If the proposition had been made for charity, it would have received more favorable consideration at our hands: therefore, we are constrained to report adversely to the resolution."

We act differently here.

R. W. J. Emmett Blackshear presented an able report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the Proceedings of forty-two Grand [] are reviewed, including those of Minnesota.

We submit the following extract:

"It has been suggested to us that if reports on correspondence were shorter, they would be more generally read by the members of the Fraternity. We confess that we do not view the matter in this light, nor deem it a good reason why those of the Craft who can appreciate an elaborate report should be deprived of such, and thereby kept in the dark as to much of importance that is transpiring in the Masonic world. A brother who would not read a report of one hundred pages on account of its length, would be but little benefitted, we think, by reading one of fifty or twenty-five pages; if desirous of improvement in the science of Masonry, he will read whatever he finds of interest, regardless of its length. And after all, even in the most voluminous and ably prepared reports, much that is found in the Proceedings reviewed, that SHOULD be of interest to the Craft, is omitted."

M. W. Samuel Lawrence, Grand Master, and

R. W. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

INDIANA.

The fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand [] of Indiana was held at Indianapolis, May 23d, 1871.

Four hundred and one [] represented; four hundred and twenty-one on the roll.

Fifteen dispensations for new [] issued during the year.

An excellent address by Grand Master Rice.

The following "New Regulation," proposed and seconded by a majority—ordered to lie over under the rules:

"Resolved, That no Mason shall be eligible to the office of M. W. G. Master, D. G. Master, Senior or Junior Grand Warden, who shall personally solicit, or authorize others to solicit, delegates of the Grand [] to vote for him for either of said offices."

Wonder if a similar proposition is not worthy of consideration in other jurisdictions?

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made a report, from which we extract:

"Rule 120 is very definite as to the duty of Subordinate [] in regard to the supervision of the conduct of the members of the Fraternity, regardless of their residence or place of local membership; it says: 'It is the duty of every [] to take cognizance of the conduct of any member of the Fraternity within its jurisdiction, whether affiliated or not.'

"Should A, a member of [] No. 1, live in, or go into, the jurisdiction of [] No. 100, and there commit an offence against Masonry, any member of [] No. 100 not only has the right to file charges against A, but he has the right to file them in [] No. 100, and the [] not only has the right, but it is also its duty, to try A, and should he be found guilty, may reprimand, suspend or expel him, as the character of the offence may require; so that one [] may even expel from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, (which includes membership,) a member of another [].

"This right exists not only by virtue of the laws of the Grand [], but lies at the very foundation of the character, usefulness and harmony of the universal Masonic Brotherhood. If every member should recognize and relieve the necessities of every other member, whisper good counsel in his ear, and aid in his reformation, when reformation is required, should he not have the right to exercise all the means to effect such a reformation?

"Every member of a Subordinate [] is not only a member of that particular [], but also of the whole Masonic family; therefore, a member of one [], going into and filing charges against a member of another [], is not obnoxious to the charge of going into another family and disturbing the peace and harmony thereof, for all are members of one and the same family."

Concurred in by the Grand []—our sentiments.

Our old friend, P. . G. . M. . T. R. Austin, submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence. The Proceedings of forty-five Grand [] are reviewed. Those of Minnesota for 1870 and 1871 are fraternally noticed.

M. . W. . Martin H. Rice, Grand Master, and

R. . W. . John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

ILLINOIS.

The thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand [] of Illinois was held at Chicago, October 4th, 1870.

Five hundred and thirty [] represented; five hundred and eighty-three on the roll.

Twenty-four dispensations for new [] issued during the year.

We venture one extract from the address of Grand Master Reynolds:

"In 1850 the population of the State was over 850,000. The affiliated Masons did not exceed 2,500, an average of one to 340 inhabitants. Now the population of the State is 2,500,000, and the average is one to every seventy inhabitants. Romantic as the increase of the population may seem, the increase of Masonry almost exceeds the range of credulity. What has kept pace with this? Everything good—everything noble. Equality among the people, universal education, the magical spread of the arts and sciences, a higher range of civilization, a higher tone of personal honor, and a decided improvement in the moral culture of the people.

"It will be asserted that some [] are low in the scale of morals, efficiency or usefulness. Admit it. The same is true in every department of human society. Banks are sometimes compelled to close, merchants fail, farmers and mechanics do not succeed, and demoralization reaches churches and other so-

cieties. Masonry cannot be expected to escape the fate of all other earthly things. Yet the advancement of Masonry is the advancement of improvement, civilization, religion, morality, culture, learning and law, and its cosmopolitan influences bring good men in contact, and contribute to bring about that time when all men shall love one another. Wherever there is civilization there is Masonry. Wherever Masonry advances darkness disappears. Wherever it declines fanaticism obscures the light of culture and learning, and barbarism, rudeness, and lawlessness override order and law.

"While Masonry is essentially social, and a large system of charity, it is not license. Where I find the majority of members of a ☐ in dram-shops, addicted to profane swearing, loose in morals and personal honor, and ready to excuse immoral or unmasonic practices, I tremble for the community where it is located. Such ☐ are the blots upon our fair system, and are no better than birds of prey. They are a moral pest, and should be cleansed or closed. My brethren, is this the case with any of your ☐? Let it be so no longer."

The two following decisions we approve :

"4. It is the duty of every non-affiliate to join some ☐, but he is privileged to join such one as suits him best, without regard to local jurisdiction.

"5. The right to visit is not absolute but conditional. The right to ask implies the power to deny, and the power to deny rests with any member of the ☐, and must be respected."

We do not concur in the following :

"12. The test should precede all examinations ; two brethren may examine each other for their mutual satisfaction, but they cannot vouch for each other upon such an examination ; the only cases where vouchers are permitted are where the brethren have sat in ☐ together, or where a satisfactory examination has been had by authority of the W. . M. ."

Suppose the examination should prove unsatisfactory, you would reject the applicant, virtually saying to him, "you are a perjurer !" The test is an Americanism.

The whole system of examination is based upon the dissemination or extension of Masonic courtesies—we dislike the word charities in this connection. It is a courtesy to permit visitation, to admit to membership, to assist in distress of any kind ; as Masons, when called upon as such, we want to know that any of these courtesies are not extended to an impostor. We claim, as a Mason, the right to examine a claimant in our own discretion, and if satisfied, to vouch, whether we have sat in ☐ with him or not, or whether or not we have had the permission of some W. . M. . to make the examination.

Upon the following two decisions—

"2. An objection before balloting, made to the Master, is equivalent to a rejection, and the ballot should be stayed until the objection is removed."

"13. It is unlawful to give a suicide Masonic burial, unless the evidence of insanity is clear."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported :

"Your committee are of the opinion that a ballot on every application to a ☐ for membership or a degree is according to the landmarks of Masonry, and the By-Laws of this Grand ☐ imperative, and know of no authority in the Master to dispense with or needlessly postpone such ballot in any case."

"Your committee are of the opinion that the right of Masonic burial is the right of every affiliated Master Mason, in good standing at the time of his

death, without regard to the cause of his death, or the condition of his mind at the time of death."

We concur in the report. It was adopted by the Grand ☐.

The following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the last Communication of this Grand ☐, requiring all visiting brethren to produce a diploma or certificate of membership before being examined, be and is hereby rescinded."

Bro. Wm. Rounseville presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the Proceedings of forty-three Grand ☐ are reviewed, the report comprising but twenty-six pages. Minnesota receives a fraternal notice.

The oration of P. . G. . M. . Bromwell is unique, pithy and brief, and would abundantly pay reproduction here.

Our old friend, M. . W. . Dewit C. Cregier, was elected Grand Master, and

R. . W. . O. H. Miner, re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The "twenty-eighth session" of the Grand ☐ of Iowa was held in Davenport, June 6th, 1871.

One hundred and seventy-four ☐ represented ; two hundred and eighty-one on the roll. Fifteen dispensations for new ☐ issued during the year.

"More truth than poetry" in the following extract from the address of the Grand Master :

"In view of the apparent fact that our jurisprudence is not being improved by the multitude of so-called 'decisions on Masonic law,' but rather the reverse, I have abstained from presenting anything in that line for your consideration. I am impelled to this by my profound conviction that much of our law-making, both by the Grand ☐ and by Grand Masters, has been so ill-advised and hasty that it only tends to embarrass those who need more light. There are very few things of importance which are not well understood, and the trifles that usually cause disputes might be settled either way without detriment to Masonry. There are those who will always want the advice of the Grand Master upon the particular case, no matter upon how many occasions the same question may have been substantially answered. The increase of published decisions and resolutions, therefore, only furnish additional points for questions and disputes, and may be well omitted in the future."

A victim—at our elbow, who has served several years on the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, says, "that man's head is level."

Bro. U. D. Taylor again presented one of his rich, racy and unique reports on Foreign Correspondence. In this, the Proceedings of thirty-six Grand ☐ are reviewed ; those of Minnesota for 1870-1 included.

You have got us, Bro. Taylor, we acknowledge the corn ; "it was no mistake of the printer,"—written in a hurry, omissions were made, that it is not now necessary to correct ; suffice to say, we alluded to a

recommendation of the Grand Master which the Grand ☐ endorsed.
—repealing resolutions which never should have been on record.

M.: W.: Ozias P. Waters was elected Grand Master, and of course,

R.: W.: T. S. Parvin was re-elected Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

The fourth Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Idaho was held at Silver City, October 2, 1871.

Eight ☐ represented—all on the roll.

The following extract from the address of the Grand Master we deem of especial importance, and wish the idea could be indelibly fixed upon the mind of every Mason in the land :

“Slander, under ordinary circumstances, among people who do not sustain towards each other any uncommon relation, is one of the lowest offences against social order; it involves falsehood, malignity, and cowardice; but to calumniate a brother Mason violates the fundamental laws of the Brotherhood, and destroys the principles upon which it is built. The slanderer is a disgrace to our Order, and its enemy. The maxims of Masonry prescribe the method in which evil reports should be brought to the knowledge of those whom they affect, and for whose injury they were invented; this duty should be discharged in all kindness, and while it places the party injured on his guard, much pain and trouble may be avoided.”

Slander, whether uttered in public or in private, whether through newspapers, or “I tell you on the square,” is as heinous a Masonic crime as murder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M.: W.: J. W. Brown was elected Grand Master, and

“W.:” L. F. Carter, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

An Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Kentucky was held at Louisville, October 17, 1870.

Three hundred and twenty-three ☐ represented; four hundred and eighty-four on the roll.

Eight dispensations for new ☐ issued during the year.

The address of the Grand Master is a very good business paper.

During the session an addition to the “Masonic Widows’ and Orphans’ Home and Infirmary,” was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. Excellent addresses were made by the Grand Master, two P.: G.: Masters, Grand Chaplain, &c.

Business mostly of local interest.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. J. M. S. McCorkle, in which the Proceedings of thirty-nine Grand ☐ are reviewed, Minnesota included.

M. W. Charles Eginton, Grand Master, and
R. W. J. M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

KANSAS.

The fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Kansas was held at Atchison, October 18th, 1870.

Sixty-two ☐ represented; seventy-nine on the roll. Fourteen dispensations for new ☐ issued during the year.

The Grand Master made a minute report of his official doings, of local interest, as were these Proceedings.

Bro. E. T. Carr, as usual, presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the Proceedings of forty-four Grand ☐ are reviewed.

Minnesota receives a brief notice. Brother, we can't appreciate where the *severity* comes in, in our last report. We do not attempt to write poetry, and could not if we did. While we would not for any consideration wound feelings, yet we do not hesitate about giving our opinion, for fear they may not suit everybody.

M. W. John H. Brown, Grand Master, and

R. W. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

LOUISIANA.

The fifty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Louisiana was held in New Orleans, February 13th, 1871.

Twenty-five ☐ represented; two hundred and two on the roll.

Dispensations for eight new ☐ issued during the year.

From the decisions reported by the Grand Master, we select two as embodying our views on the questions:

"2. Every candidate raised to the Third or Master's Degree in a ☐, becomes a member of it without further action on the part of the ☐. The newly admitted member should, however, sign the By-Laws of the ☐ in order to place his signature upon record; but this is not absolutely necessary, as he has previously, in the most solemn manner, agreed to stand to and abide by them."

"4. When a visiting brother objects to a candidate for initiation, the work should stop and not be proceeded with until a full and complete investigation of the nature of the objection be made and reported upon to the ☐. If the committee to whom this duty has been entrusted should ascertain that the candidate was not in good repute among his fellow citizens, or that his character and antecedents were such as should exclude him from membership in an institution founded, as ours is, upon the principles of Morality and Brotherly Love, they should so report, and then a new ballot would be eminently proper and right."

Transactions of local interest.

As usual we find a very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Proceedings of forty-three American Grand [] are reviewed, and much interesting matter relative to nineteen Foreign Grand Bodies presented, proving Bros. Scott and Horner to be hard workers. Minnesota receives a lengthy and very fraternal notice.

M.: W.: S. M. Todd, Grand Master, and

R.: W.: J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

MAINE.

The sixty-second Annual Communication of the Grand [] of Maine was held at Portland, May 2d, 1871.

One hundred and forty-four [] represented; one hundred and fifty-four on the roll.

Four dispensations for new [] issued during the year.

The Grand Master has a just appreciation of the labors and of the importance to each jurisdiction of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and pays a well merited compliment to the Chairman of the Maine Committee. He says:

"The report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence has been made to me, and is herewith submitted. It is a carefully digested and ably written document, and should be attentively read by every Mason in Maine. Having had an opportunity the past year to examine the Proceedings of nearly all American Grand [], paying particular attention to the reports of the several Committees on Foreign Correspondence, I am strongly impressed with the importance of this branch of our service. These documents are prepared by eminent Masons, who spend much time and labor in the examination of the various subjects which receive attention. Many questions of vital importance to the Craft have been most exhaustively handled by these brethren; and to their indefatigable research we are indebted for the satisfactory settlement of troublesome questions, which might otherwise have perplexed the Fraternity for years.

"It may not be unwise to say that the comparison I have made between the reports from other jurisdictions and those made by the Chairman of our own committee, has convinced me that we may reasonably indulge in a just and pardonable pride at the honor that he has conferred upon our Grand [] by the faithfulness and distinguished ability which he has shown in this department. The work is annually growing more and more laborious, and I believe I but repeat the sentiments of every one who is conversant with the subject, when I express the opinion that the compensation for the service is ridiculously small, and should be greatly increased."

The address of the Grand Master contains some very interesting extracts relating to the early history of the Grand [].

We present a few of his decisions:

"A Master may preside over a [] under dispensation, without having first received the degree of Past Master."

"It would not be improper for a Master to call off his [] and introduce a visitor for examination, for the purpose of instructing his [], provided he used proper care and caution."

"A non-affiliated Mason has no legal right to object to the initiation of a candidate. If he is aware of reasons why such candidate should not be admitted, he should notify the Master, whose duty it would be to give the objections such weight as he thought them entitled to."

In the latter he differs from the Grand Master of Louisiana, herein before quoted.

On the matter of non-affiliation, the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported :

"Your committee on non-affiliation would report: That the subject has not yet been sufficiently discussed by the Grand [] of the country to warrant an attempt to settle the matter definitely at present, but we are prepared to recommend the amendment of our constitution so as to provide:—

"I. That every candidate raised to the third degree in any [] shall thereby become a member of the [], without further fee or signing of by-laws, and that the Secretary shall inscribe his name upon the roll of membership.

"II. That every unaffiliated Master Mason residing in this jurisdiction, shall be required, within one year from the adoption of this amendment, to affiliate with some [] in this State or elsewhere, or in case of rejection from membership, to enroll himself upon the registry of the Grand [], paying the Grand [] dues of one dollar yearly therefor, under the penalty of forfeiting, so long as he shall remain unaffiliated and not enrolled, all claim upon the Fraternity for relief for himself or family, for Masonic burial, for right of visiting, or of uniting in any Masonic ceremony or labor, except such privileges as may be voluntarily accorded him by the [] or brethren.

"III. That no fee for affiliation shall be required in any [].

"IV. That a certificate of affiliation shall relieve the enrolled Mason from further yearly dues to Grand [].

"We believe that the regulations of the Grand [], requiring ample notice and due trial before depriving a brother of membership, are sufficiently stringent to prevent any injustice being done by hasty action, and that the privilege of enrollment will provide for all cases of rejection of applications for membership.

"We also hold that a brother voluntarily remaining unaffiliated should lose the right of claiming any of the privileges of the Order, because by so doing he not only ceases to contribute to the support of the Fraternity, but also relieves himself from discharging the ordinary duties of the Craft."

The best solution of this question that has come to our notice.

The report on Foreign Correspondence contains a review of the Proceedings of forty-five Grand []; suffice to say that it is the production of Bro. J. H. Drummond; it would be supererogation to say more of it.

We thank Bro. Drummond for his kindly notice of Minnesota and of our report, last year.

He differs with us on several questions; to one of his positions we are converted; we acknowledge that striking from the roll is a Masonic punishment. Other questions we would like to argue; our reasons for not doing so in this and other matters, will perhaps be in our "conclusion," but next year, "*Deo volente*," we will have our say.

M. W. J. H. Lynde, Grand Master, and

R. W. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Proceedings of the Grand [] of Massachusetts at its various sessions during the year 1870, are presented to us in a volume of 570 pages—a very valuable addition to Masonic literature.

At the quarterly meeting in March, the Grand Master delivered a

very interesting (as all his are,) address, upon the history of the Grand ☐.

At the Annual Communication, December 14th, one hundred and fifty-two ☐ were represented.

Deo volente, we shall avail ourselves of the interesting and valuable historical matter contained in the volume before us, in a future report.

M.: W.: W. S. Gardner, Grand Master, and

R.: W.: Solon Thornton, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

MARYLAND.

The pamphlets before us contain the proceedings had during the year, of the Grand ☐ at several Special, Semi-Annual, and Annual Communications, and of the Grand Stewards' ☐.

The Transactions mainly relate to financial and other questions, consequent upon the completion and occupation of their magnificent Temple in Baltimore.

The report on "Correspondence" is a brief document, relating to foreign interference with the jurisdiction of American Grand ☐.

A sum of money was appropriated to be distributed among the sufferers by the Chicago, Michigan, and Wisconsin fires.

That appropriated to Wisconsin was declined in a fraternal letter of Grand Master Palmer, who recommended that the funds be sent to Chicago, which was done.

M.: W.: J. H. B. Latrobe, Grand Master, and

R.: W.: Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

An Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Michigan was held in Detroit, January 11th, 1871.

Two hundred and fifty-seven ☐ represented; two hundred and seventy-nine on the roll. Thirteen dispensations for new ☐ issued during the year.

From the excellent address of our old friend, Grand Master A. T. Metcalf, we quote:

"The danger to Masonry, which the recent attacks upon it have brought, lies not in their being unanswered—far from it. The danger lies in quite a different direction. The notoriety which these attacks have given our institution in certain quarters, instead of frightening any into a belief that we are dangerous to Church or State, has so advertised it that new applicants for admission to our mysteries are multiplying with great rapidity; and the danger is that the unhealthy fondness for *mere growth*, which seems to be manifest in so many quarters will admit improper material into the structure of our Masonic Temple. This is a danger. But it is one to be met, not by argument (which would only throw our portals with a greater number), but in the privacy of our ☐, and by the secret ballot.

"This leads me, naturally, to suggest the remedies, which in my opinion, must be used to cure the evils which I have particularized.

"1st. All Masons should study, more profoundly than they do, the principles, spirit and policy of the Craft.

"2d. They should rigidly rule themselves by its teachings.

"3d. The ballot should be used relentlessly towards all improper material, never, however, forgetting the other Masonic rules about its use.

"4th. The discipline of offenders, non-affiliants and drones, provided by our laws, must be enforced.

"5th. There must be a return to our policy toward the world, of reticence, circumspection, and absolute silence in regard to Masonic affairs.

"And under this head, allow me to repeat some suggestions already made. Of course it is not unlawful for Masons to wear Masonic emblems as jewelry; but if Masons would universally abandon the fashion, very many who now pass as Masons because of their jewelry, would cease to do us harm.

"Masonic processions, except for occasions strictly Masonic, should be utterly forbidden and discarded. Finally, silence, silence, silence, should be the first, second and third degrees of every man's Masonry."

Grand Secretary Fenton presented a brief report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Proceedings of forty-four Grand [] are noticed, including those of Minnesota.

M. . W. . John W. Champlin was elected Grand Master, and

R. . W. . James Fenton re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand [] of Missouri was held in St. Louis, October 14th, 1871.

Two hundred and twenty-four [] represented; three hundred and sixty-seven on the roll. During the year fifty-one [] were working U. . D. ., ten of which were granted by the Grand [] at its past session, eleven were renewed, and the Grand Master granted thirty-five.

Of the forty-two decisions reported by the Grand Master, we quote the fourteenth, on the "Signing of By-Laws."

"*Question.*—The by-laws of a [] have been approved by the Grand []. They contain a section requiring every Mason that becomes a member of the [] to subscribe to them by signing his name, and giving his post office address. A brother refuses to sign. Can the [] subject him to acts of discipline for the refusal?

"*Decision.*—A brother cannot be forced to subscribe his name to any document. The by-laws of the [], so far as they relate to his Masonic duties, are not less binding upon him because he refuses to sign them. The [] holds him responsible for their faithful performance all the same. All the [] in this jurisdiction have not the same local law, and it would not do for one [] to constitute a penal offence of an act which could be no crime in another."

Of "objectors," he says:

"Objectors are generally the busiest Masons we have. They make a practice, especially in cities, of going around among the [] objecting. Very often it is not the purity of the Order that causes their concern, but some matter of business entirely outside of the jurisdiction of Masonry. Courts of civil law have been wisely provided by the State to adjudicate these affairs, and they should be permitted to take their course where they belong. Except in cases involving

manifest criminality, we have nothing whatever to do with them, either in the estimate of the character of a candidate, or that of a brother.

"The class of objectors above referred to, have their own peculiar secret way of operating, and interposing their ban, which is often as effective as if they belonged to the ☐. They get some weak brother, a member of the ☐, to vote for them. All appears to be fair and quiet, until the storm breaks in the ballot box, like thunder from a clear sky. There is no true Masonry in the guardianship exercised by such sentinels at our doors."

As usual, an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Gouley. Minnesota receives a lengthy notice.

M. W. T. E. Garrett, Grand Master.

R. W. G. F. Gouley, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary, in a note, says: "For the first time since the organization of the Grand ☐, in 1821, all the officers were re-elected."

MISSISSIPPI.

The fifty-third Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Mississippi was held in Vicksburg, January 15th, 1871.

Two hundred and three ☐ represented; three hundred and thirty on the roll. Seventeen dispensations for new ☐ issued during the year.

The Grand Master reported fourteen decisions made by him; we quote the fourth:

"The testimony of a negro, formerly a slave, cannot be received in ☐ trial."

We present several selections from the reports of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, of which the venerable Bro. Geo. H. Gray, Jr., was chairman.

"The subject and questions submitted by Bro. Champlin, and referred to this committee, have also had due consideration, viz.: 'Is not Masonry now no longer an operative institution, but speculative and moral only? and is it not the moral qualifications of a man that qualify him to become a Mason? And cannot a man, without an arm or leg or a finger, or otherwise maimed, perform all the moral and social duties of a Mason? And will the conferring the degrees on such persons violate any landmark of the Order, now obligatory on the Order?'"

"These questions lead us to consider whether the physical ability specified in the old charges constitutes a landmark in the Masonic organization. In our opinion, it does, inasmuch as certain parts of the human system are called into requisition, and have to contribute their portion of labor and action in the development of the system which forms the basis of the Masonic Order.

"In the practice of the ritual, the portions that are called into requisition cannot be dispensed with or substituted. If certain positions are to be assumed, if certain actions are required to be used in which physical power and ability are called into requisition, and the parts or limbs required to act are wanting, the subject cannot proceed, but must be rejected as disqualified and ineligible.

"Our institution is based upon immutable laws and principles, which are characteristic of the Order. These fundamental principles and laws mark its identity, and are termed landmarks, which admit of no change or modification which would impair its unity as it was in the beginning, is now, and as Masonry must ever remain. These landmarks consist of the Moral, *Physical*, and Religious qualifications, of peculiar rites and ceremonies, etc., which are beyond the control of Masonic legislative associations, and it is not in the power of any

man or set of men to make innovations thereon. It would be as reasonable to ask that the restriction as to sex or age or condition be removed, as there are very many females and others excluded, who possess the moral qualifications in an eminent degree. 'Would not that destroy the identity of the Order?' Remove these ancient landmarks, and other demands would be made. The foundation being sapped, the fair fabric would tumble into ruins.

"The subject of affiliation and the status of non-affiliated Masons was also referred to our committee, and has been considered. An elaborate discussion of this subject cannot be embraced in this report, but the ground on which our decision is based will be set forth as briefly as possible. Before the present system of Subordinate ☐ was adopted, there was no such thing as ☐ membership; therefore, it has no claim to antiquity. At its adoption, each particular organization was of a local character. It was a *voluntary* association of Masons for special purposes, and the laws and regulations enacted for their government were only binding on the individual entering into the compact, so long as they remained members thereof, and did not, nor could they, in any manner, affect or interfere with the rights and privileges of a general character, which each Mason enjoyed before he united in such voluntary association to form a particular ☐. These were not surrendered to the ☐ nor circumscribed to the term of membership or ☐ jurisdiction; they were inherent and remained unimpaired. While, by entering into this compact, their duties and responsibilities were increased, they, at the same time, acquired additional rights peculiar to their organization. A Mason, by his initiation, acquires certain general privileges, subject to the conditions of the established immemorial Usages, Regulations, and Constitutions of the Craft. Of these, he cannot be divested except for immoral conduct or violation of his general obligations and duties as a member of the Fraternity. He is under no constraint to connect himself with any particular ☐. The constitutions do not make it obligatory on him. It is, and must be a free and voluntary offering on his part. He enjoys all of the general benefits of Masonry without it; but, if he choose to affiliate himself, he becomes thereby entitled to certain special privileges, and subjects himself to certain special regulations. Those are the conditions of his ☐ membership, not the terms on which he holds his connection with the Fraternity. The act of affiliation is a voluntary contract, to which the individual and the ☐ are the parties. If he fails to discharge the duties required of him by the contract, the ☐ may dissolve the connection between them by discharging or excluding him, or declaring his membership forfeited. Or if the member desires to dissolve the connection by withdrawing his membership, he has the right to do so, and there is nothing in the ancient charges to prevent him. When his connection is dissolved, he stands as he did before, as a Mason, on the broad platform of the Order, and not as a member of any particular ☐. A careful and full investigation of the subject will convince the most sceptical of the justness of our decision. That affiliation is, and must be a free and voluntary act, and not to be coerced, and the right of dimitting is the inalienable privilege of every member in good standing. Must he be excused from charitable burdens of the ☐ nearest to him?

"*Ques. 6.* First—Has the W. M. the right to admit a visitor into the ☐ over the objection of a member? Second—Has he the right to demand reasons for his objection?

"*Ans.* There is no special legislation on this subject in this jurisdiction; but, on the general Masonic principle that it is the special duty of the Master to preserve the harmony of the ☐, the decision would be that he cannot; nor can he demand the reasons for such objection any more than in case of rejection on ballot; as, in either case, the right to demand them presupposes the *right* to set aside or overrule them, which, it is conceded, neither the Master or the ☐ possesses. Objections belong to the individual, and not to the ☐.

"*Ques. 11.* A dimitted brother is elected member of a ☐; *after* his election visits the Lodge, and there is no one can vouch for him—can he be allowed to sit in the ☐ without an examination?

"*Ans.* When the petition for membership was received, it was referred to a Committee of Investigation, who should have satisfied themselves that, among other requisites, he was a Master Mason in good standing; his dimit was evidence that he was so at the time it was granted. Their favorable report re-

cognizes him as such at the present time, and the favorable ballot is evidence that he was acknowledged to be such by all the members present, as none but a Master Mason in good standing can be elected a member. Being thus recognized by the ☐, he is entitled, as a member, to his seat in the ☐. He does not apply to visit the ☐, but to take his seat as a member, having been duly elected as such. On his election he was invested with all of the rights and privileges of membership, one of which is a seat in the ☐.

"Question 1. The status of a non-affiliated Mason who applies for affiliation and is rejected, is not affected by said rejection; he still remains a Mason in good standing until charges are preferred and sentence passed on him.

"2. The Committee conceive that it would be unjust to punish a non-affiliated Mason for remaining in that condition, when he had applied for admission and been rejected.

"3. The ☐ may grant the request for funeral honors made by a non-affiliated Mason at its option. It being a ☐ benefit, he could not demand it as a right, but the ☐ might grant it as a favor. The widow and orphans of a non-affiliated Mason have no claim to the charity fund of the ☐, but have a strong claim on the individual charity of every Master Mason.

"The resolutions relating to the form of a dimit have been duly considered, and as the committee entertain views at variance from those embraced in the resolutions, we feel that it is due to those supporting the proposition to explain the grounds on which we base our opinions. We are aware that we are combating the views entertained by many distinguished and enlightened members of this body. Yet they, perhaps, may not have investigated the subject so thoroughly as it has been made our duty to do, and consequently may not have drawn that distinction between the inherent rights of all Masons, and the conventional rights acquired by ☐ membership.

"A Mason's obligations are of a general character, relating to the Fraternity at large. He does not obligate himself to become a member of any particular ☐, but only promises to maintain and support the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the ☐ of which he may become a member, and to stand to and abide by the laws, resolutions and edicts of the Grand ☐. He is not obligated to assist in raising any charitable fund, either of the Grand ☐ or Subordinate ☐; nor is he entitled to receive any benefit from such funds. But in his general obligation he binds himself to contribute to the relief of poor and distressed Worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans, wherever dispersed. This is his general tie to the Fraternity; and by a similar obligation all Masons are bound to him. This is independent of ☐ legislation, being inherent in him as a Mason, and not growing out of ☐ membership. Of this claim on the Fraternity he cannot be divested by any local or ☐ regulation. It is his right, only to be canceled by expulsion or suspension for gross immoral or un-masonic conduct. His obligation makes him a Mason, a member of the Fraternity, but does not require him to become a member of any particular ☐; that is left for him to act on as his voluntary desire may prompt him. Although the committee believe it to be the duty of all Masons to affiliate with ☐, and remain members, yet they know of no Masonic tie which binds them to do so, nor of any Masonic usage by which they can be coerced to affiliate, or when a member, by which they can be forced to remain so against their will. While he is a member, he enjoys all of the benefits and privileges of membership. If he withdraws his membership, he thereby relinquishes and gives up all claim to ☐ benefits and privileges, and falls back on those possessed by all Masons in common, before the system of ☐ membership was established. These were originally inherent in all Masons, and a Mason does not now relinquish them by becoming a member of any particular ☐. He, by that association, merely engages to perform additional special duties, for which he becomes entitled to additional special benefits, which he may relinquish at his will and pleasure.

"The Missouri form of a dimit, with the endorsement proposed for adoption, bears the stamp of injustice on its face. As a measure of expediency, it proposes to do that by indirect means which would not be done directly. It is only another mode of taxing Masons against their will. This Grand ☐, with many others, tried the experiment of taxing non-affiliated Masons until the injustice of the act became so apparent that the practice was abandoned, we

think, by every Grand □. This is only the rose presented under another name, not improved in flavor. It is forcing a Mason to reciprocate benefits against his will, and if he should fail to comply with the last clause in the endorsement, he is thereby deprived of all and 'any Masonic consideration.' In other words, he is expelled without a hearing. Non-affiliated Masons are called drones, and supposed to feed on the sweet stores of the hive. Is this so? If it is in practice, where lies the fault? Not with the so-called drones, but with the □. Let them enforce section 3, 'fees and contributions,' and not much of the honey would pass their lips."

The opinions of Bro. Grey are worthy of serious consideration, particularly when they are in opposition to those advocated by the younger members of the Craft.

Rev. Bro. A. H. Barkley presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, and although his first, yet it ranks high. The Proceedings of forty Grand □ are noticed at considerable length. In his review of Minnesota he has been led into several errors—perhaps for the want of data. Corrections are not admissible at this time.

M.: W.: Geo. R. Fearn, Grand Master, and

R.: W.: J. L. Power, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

MONTANA.

The sixth Annual Communication of the Grand □ of Montana was held at Virginia City, October 31st, 1870.

Thirteen □ represented; fourteen on the roll. Business of local interest.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by Bro. Hedges, is one of the best that has come under our notice. We regret to see that "we leave this position of agreeable and instructive labor."

The Proceedings of thirty-five Grand □ are reviewed, Minnesota included.

Bro. Hedges will allow us to correct one error of his, or rather misconception of Bro. Pierson. Bro. Pierson believes that figures indicating the possession of degrees not known by the Grand □, have no business in Grand □ publications. He will not admit even that it is a *question of taste*. As well parade titles achieved in any other secret organization. "Let every tub stand on its own bottom."

M.: W.: C. Hedges was elected Grand Master, and

R.: W.: Hez. L. Hosmer, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

An Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held at Concord, May 17th, 1871.

Fifty-six □ represented; eighty-eight on the roll.

The address of the Grand Master, as well as the Proceedings of the Grand □, were devoted to matters of local interest.

Bro. J. J. Bell presented the report on Foreign Correspondence,

in which are reviewed the Proceedings of thirty-nine American and extensive notices of a number of European Grand [] .

Bro. Bell, as doubtless others, will notice, that this *is a brief* report, if report it may be termed, and perhaps catch an inkling of why fraternal comments on former reports, questions propounded, &c., are not noticed in this.

M. . W. . John R. Holbrook, Grand Master, and

R. . W. . Abel Hutchins, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

NEW YORK.

An Annual Communication of the Grand [] of New York was held in the city of New York, June 6th, 1871.

Six hundred and thirty-one [] represented; seven hundred and six on the roll; seven dispensations for new [] issued during the year.

The Masonic Board of Relief reported the expenditure of \$4,944.15. It is gratifying that none of the recipients are reported as hailing from Minnesota.

Bro. E. P. Breed presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. The Proceedings of forty-one American Grand [] are reviewed in a masterly manner. The report is particularly interesting for its valuable information relative to the condition of Masonry in the "old world."

Our questions of last year are partially answered, but this year we can argue nothing. Another time "the situation" will be different.

M. . W. . J. H. Anthon, Grand Master, and

R. . W. . James M. Austin, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

NEW JERSEY.

The eighty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand [] of New Jersey was held in the city of Trenton, January 18th, 1871.

One hundred and one [] represented; one hundred and nine on the roll; six dispensations for new [] issued during the year.

From among the decisions of the Grand Master we present the following, believing them to be sound:

"1. Charges may be presented against a suspended Mason, but the charges must be other than those upon which he was suspended, as on those he has been once tried.

"2. The W. . M. . has the power to postpone action on any motion made before the [] , and if done for the peace and harmony of the [] , he is perfectly justifiable in so doing; but if it be to accomplish a particular result, when a suitable time may arrive, he should be held responsible to the Grand [] for misrule in office.

"3d. The W. . M. . may refuse to sign an order for the payment of money, when in his judgment it is to be improperly applied. The regulations direct the Treasurer to pay drafts by order of the W. . M. . and consent of the members. His order is, therefore, independent of the vote of the [] ."

We commend the following extract from his address :

"I regret that I am obliged in this report to call your attention to the factious spirit which has manifested itself in some of our []s. Indeed, it has come to my knowledge that this spirit has become so widespread in the [] referred to as to entirely prevent their growth. Men whose morality and integrity are unquestioned, and who stand high in the esteem of their communities, have been excluded by the action of one or more of the members of one faction, because the petition was presented by one of another, or for the reason that the applicant was a particular friend of some one toward whom they felt a dislike.

"It is deeply to be regretted that such an evil should be found to exist anywhere in our midst. The spirit of revenge should never enter the sacred precincts of a [] of Master Masons. Masons are but men, subject to the passions, temptations, and weaknesses of fallen humanity; but shall it be said of us that we cannot exemplify in our [] rooms the teachings and obligations of our Order? To my mind it seems that a [] room ought to be the last place where we should expect to find a brother seeking revenge in this cowardly manner. No man of character and high social position is willing to have a suspicion raised as to his reputation, by being rejected in a Masonic [], and simply because rejection by the [] in question is the rule. When such a state of things exists, it is better tenfold to pass a resolution to admit no more members, and thereby prevent the application of candidates."

Bro. Grand Secretary Hough presented a *very excellent* report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the Proceedings of forty Grand [] are reviewed.

Bro. Hough, we recognize the justice and appropriateness of your criticism of the "mysterious entry." Our notions on the matter will be found in our notice of Montana.

Our old friend M. W. W. F. Pine was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Joseph H. Hough re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The eighty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand [] of North Carolina was held in the city of Raleigh, December 5th, 1870.

One hundred and sixty-five [] represented; three hundred and one on the roll.

Dispensations for three new [] issued during the year, and five renewed.

Grand Master's address, taken home for revision, the mail in which it was being transmitted to the Grand Secretary was robbed or lost, consequently none appears.

Transactions of local interest.

Grand Secretary Bain presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the Proceedings of thirty-eight Grand [], including those of Minnesota, are fraternally noticed.

Bro. Bain, the Grand [] of Minnesota adopted the representative system in 1857—not 1870.

M. W. Chas. C. Clark was elected Grand Master, and

R. W. Donald W. Bain re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

When we commenced this report we were in possession of a copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1871; some *kind* friend has—*borrowed* it. Will Bro. Furnas please send us another copy?

NEVADA.

The seventh Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Nevada was held at Virginia City, September 19th, 1871.

Thirteen ☐ represented; fourteen on the roll.

The address of the Grand Master, as well as the transactions of the Grand ☐, are of local interest.

It is not always in the Proceedings of the oldest Grand ☐ that we must look for an exemplification of industry and research in the preparation of reports, as is evidenced in the report on Foreign Correspondence, by Bro. R. H. Taylor, in which are reviewed the Proceedings of thirty-eight ☐, Minnesota included; and also the majority and minority reports on the question: "What are the Ancient Landmarks?"

Rather a perplexing question—writers differ, varying from six to fifty-one. The committee on the revision of the Constitution of our Grand ☐, propose to try their hand in proposals.

M.: W.: George Robinson was re-elected Grand Master, and

R.: W.: J. C. Currie elected Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Grand ☐ of New Brunswick held its third Annual Communication at St. John's, September 28th, 1870.

Twenty ☐ represented; twenty-six on the roll.

The Craft appears to be in a flourishing condition in the jurisdiction.

Entered Apprentices are regarded as in full membership.

Business of local interest. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M.: W.: Wm. Wedderburn was elected Grand Master, and

"V.:" W.: Wm. F. Bunting *appointed* Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

An Annual Communication of the Grand ☐ of Nova Scotia was held at Halifax, June 7th, 1871.

Thirty-two ☐ represented; sixty on the roll.

"Owing to severe affliction occasioned by loss of sight, the venerable Grand Master had been unable to prepare his annual address."

The address of the Deputy presiding was very brief, confined to home matters.

Bro. Geo. T. Smithers presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which are ably reviewed the Proceedings of thirty-two Grand [] , including Minnesota.

M.: W.: "Hon." Alexander Keith was re-elected Grand Master.

"A painful surgical operation" restored the sight of the Grand Master. We congratulate him.

R.: W.: Benj. Curren was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The sixty-first Annual Communication of the Grand [] of Ohio was held at Springfield, October 18th, 1870.

Three hundred and seventy-six [] represented; four hundred and thirty-six on the roll.

Thirteen dispensations for new [] issued during the year.

The Grand [] took the initiative for the establishment of a "Masonic Home for Widows and Orphans of Ohio."

Upon the petition of the "colored Masons," the following report was made and adopted:

"The Select Committee to which, at your last session, was referred the petition and memorial of the 'Grand [] of colored Masons of Ohio and its jurisdiction,' and which was continued with instructions to report further at this Grand Communication, now respectfully report that by the repeal of the resolution adopted in 1847, the Grand [] has left its Subordinates at perfect liberty to confer the degrees of Masonry on any man, and to admit to membership any lawful brother who has the necessary Masonic qualifications. The regulations make no distinction on account of the color of persons who desire the benefits of Freemasonry. There is no rule whereby the persons who compose the 'Grand [] of Ohio and its jurisdiction,' if 'worthy and well qualified,' are excluded from our Fraternity, if they seek admission through duly organized []."

"Your committee are of the opinion that all has been done that justice demands, or the interest of the Craft will permit.

"Your committee therefore recommend that the petitioners have permission to withdraw their petition, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

In relation to intemperance and profanity, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the M.: W.: Grand Master be, and he is hereby authorized, and it is made his duty to issue a circular to be addressed to the Subordinate [] of this jurisdiction, enjoining the Masters of the several [] to action in these premises, by all the powers of moral suasion and brotherly kindness, to arrest the evil, and in the last resort, to cut off the persistently offending members, as cancerous excrescences on the body of Masonry."

A very able report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by P.: G.: M.: Sparrow, in which are reviewed the Proceedings of thirty-two Grand [] , under the heads of subjects.

M.: W.: Alex. H. Newcomb, Grand Master, and

R.: W.: John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.